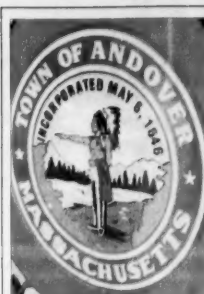


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## Election 2002

# Town gets who it wants

Andover backs winners Romney, Meehan, Tucker, L'Italien

By Ben Hellman  
and Rebecca Piro

Andover residents turned out in large numbers Tuesday – and they got what they wanted. Mitt Romney is governor, Marty Meehan is US Representative and the income tax will not be abolished.

In local races, Andover voters stood with communities in the area to keep Sue Tucker as Andover's state senator (see story, page 5) and elect Barbara L'Italien as the new state representative (see page 4). L'Italien will represent Andover precincts 1, 7 and 8 in the House, while Barry Fine-

gold represents the rest of town.

Seventy-three percent of the town's 18,929 active, registered voters flocked to the polls. That kind of response is usually reserved for presidential elections, said Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

In 2000, 78 percent of voters cast a ballot in the George W. Bush/Al Gore race. The 1996 presidential race between Bill Clinton and George Bush drew 83 percent. The last gubernatorial election, in 1998, attracted 63 percent of the voting public.

Hanson was pleased with the turnout. "It was such a close race,

people felt they could make a difference if they came forward," she said.

More than 63 percent of Andover voters picked Romney as their governor, giving him more support here than in the rest of the state. Also in Andover: 51 percent rejected abolishing the income tax, 76 percent supported English immersion for students and 70 percent voted against taxpayer-funded elections.

L'Italien's precinct supported decriminalizing marijuana by 69 percent, which was Question 4, available on that ballot only.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

State Sen. Sue Tucker receives a hug from Kathy Goodson. Tucker will return to office after sweeping each precinct in Andover.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

As vote totals were called in, Barbara L'Italien learned she would be the first representative of the new 18th Essex.

## For police, fire

# State says 'No smoking' even at home

By Rebecca Piro

In a town that's banned smoking almost everywhere, most people understand that police officers and firefighters aren't allowed to smoke on the job. But it's news to many that they can't smoke in their own homes.

State law dictates that officers who are caught smoking will be fired.

"Off duty, I don't see how you can force people (not to smoke)," says Clare Sack, a former smoker and an Essex Street resident. "They're adults."

"If they want to smoke, as long as no one is subjected to second-hand smoke, I have no problem with it," says Rick Strong, a man who smoked for 25 years but has

since quit.

Smoking has slowly been disappearing from the public eye. Andover's Board of Health strengthened the town's anti-smoking bylaw at 2001 Town Meeting, when it prohibited smoking in all restaurants. Most private businesses do not allow smoking indoors, and smoking is not allowed in any town-related facility, like Town Offices.

The state passed its law several years ago, in an effort to improve the health of the Commonwealth's public-safety employees and their performance, says Lt. Commander Jim Hashem.

Smoking in public has disappeared

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## IN EMERGENCIES: WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE FOR TOWN?



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Firefighters responded to Interstate-495 on Tuesday after an 18-wheeler collided with a van, left the highway and crashed through a guard rail.

# Choice: Lower taxes, quicker service

Town considering whether to train, equip firefighters as paramedics

By Rebecca Piro

Lawrence General Hospital paramedics rushed to Andover five times on Monday for medical emergencies.

Firefighters say that's five times too many.

The Andover Fire Department is trying to rally support for training its EMTs to replace LGH's paramedics, who do the job at no cost to Andover.

It's a step that could cost Andover hundreds of thousands of dollars, to train the town's firefighters and equip its ambulances.

But it's also a step that would improve the quality of care for residents,

says Fire Chief Chuck Murnane, because Andover firefighters can respond more quickly than paramedics coming from Lawrence.

Currently, Lawrence General Hospital provides the Advanced Life Support (ALS) to the town, charging the patients they treat through insurance. Firefighters decide whether to call paramedics depending on the severity of the emergency.

Paramedics can treat injuries with medications and administer intravenous drugs to patients. EMTs, or emergency medical technicians, are limited to splinting broken bones or bandaging

external wounds.

Andover will weigh the costs versus the benefits as it begins a one-year study to determine whether a paramedic unit is in the town's best financial and residential health.

## Localized care

Almost 41 percent the Commonwealth's 315 municipalities – 128 – rely on their own fire departments for emergency care above and beyond what an EMT can provide, says Abdullah Rehayem, manager of the state's ambulance regulation program.

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# Gas leak closes Main St.

By Rebecca Piro

A gas leak forced workers to close a portion of Main Street Monday.

The leak was discovered by construction workers cracking pavement for the sewer-expansion project, says Jack Petkus, Public Works director.

The \$30-million project, which was started in 2001 and could last until 2006, has been underway in the downtown area for the past month. The town is trying to keep most of the work on Main Street to evening hours, when the effect on traffic is less, says Petkus.

Monday's leak, however, made that impossible. A bank on Main Street smelled the gas early Monday and reported it. Workers shut down the road from Barnard to Punchard streets for most of the day and into the night.

The extra work to repair the gas main will not cost the town more money, Petkus says.

"We wanted to make sure it didn't migrate into people's basements and mix with oxygen," which is when the gas becomes explosive, he adds.

Tuesday wasn't much better. Workers shut down one lane of traffic on Main Street to allow

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## Inside view: Boston peace rally

# SATs interrupt planning for peace rally

Andover high school student Evan Greer set out to stage a peace rally two months ago. In the end, he was part of a Boston Common rally that drew thousands. Here's his account of what it felt like to be on stage at the rally.

By Evan Greer

My jacket and sweater lay on the concrete of the bandstand, but I still felt warm as I took in the sight of a crowd that I had never imagined when I started organizing two months before. Reading the next morning's paper I would learn that this rally, our rally, was the largest in Boston since the Vietnam War.

"I'm almost 18," I sang into the microphone, inciting an uproarious cheer from the crowd of more than 15,000 Americans gathered on Boston Common to protest the possibility of a preemptive war in Iraq.

That was when I dropped my guitar pick.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF EVAN GREER

Andover teen Evan Greer helped organize the recent peace rally in Boston, and shared the stage with activists such as Green Party gubernatorial candidate Jill Stein.

## Coming this week in the Sunday Eagle-Tribune

■ **In News.** The governor's campaign that ended with Tuesday's election was the most expensive in Massachusetts history. Now it's time to find out if the pricey messages were political rhetoric or if the new governor can get results on Beacon Hill.

■ **In Sports.** The New England Patriots are back in the NFL playoff hunt, but there's no margin for a letdown on the road this Sunday against the Bears. With only a 4-4 record, the Pats need to keep winning or face post-season elimination.

■ **In Lifestyle.** Eight years after Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain's death, his diary excerpts are making headlines and he has a song on the Billboard charts. Why is this? Entertainment experts talk about the public's fascination with dead musicians.



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## Youth-center design maturing

By Ben Hellman

Andover children are closer to having a new youth center. Architectural plans for the center are 25 percent complete, and youth center planners will go before the Planning Board next Tuesday to give an update on their progress.

The board will eventually have to approve the plans for construction to begin. The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the third-floor conference room at Town Offices.

Andover Youth Foundation member Bob McQuade said the plans should be completed by the end of January and that construction should begin some-

time next year. The center will include a gym, a community room with a stage, a recording studio, an Internet cafe, a two-story climbing wall and a workout room.

Foundation member Sheila Stone has worked on raising funds for the center. A four-night live telethon is planned for the end of January. About \$2.4 million dollars have been raised so far. AYF has pledged to raise about \$4 million for the project.

"(They're) just making sure they're on track," said Steve Colyer, director of planning.

Several town departments have already seen the plan.

A fire lane has been established and Ledge Road, which

was discontinued as a public way by Town Meeting last spring, will be closed to through traffic from Chandler Road and Greenwood Road.

An additional 60 parking spaces will be added to the parking lot to Deyermont Fields.

Foundation member Larry Larson said that nine test pits where the center will be built came up clean after testing last April. "They test for every bloody thing known to the human race," he said. The soil could have been an issue as the center is next to Deyermont Fields, an old town landfill that was discovered to be inadequately capped last summer.

## Town reins in capital projects

By Rebecca Piro

Andover's wish list keeps getting smaller.

The town's Capital Improvement Plan, a five-year projection of major town improvements, has shrunk to an all-time low, says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

He is recommending about \$8.8 million worth of projects for next year — the smallest spending plan in the CIP's 12-year history.

Stapczynski warned department heads early on to limit their requests. They returned with about \$17 million worth of projects and he cut almost half of them.

"The departments knew it wasn't one of those years where they're going to get what they're looking for," says Stapczynski.

Stapczynski has been preaching fiscal conservation for months, as some town officials worry that Andover will face a \$4-million budget shortfall next year.

Last year Stapczynski recommended \$12.6-million worth of capital projects. Monday night, selectmen voted to discontinue one of those projects — \$376,000 worth of sidewalk construction. The project was one of several that Town Meeting had approved contingent on Andover receiving enough state aid to balance its budget.

The cherry sheets from the state have since proved that Andover is not in the red. But selectmen — who will need Town Meeting approval to make it official — voted to stop the sidewalks regardless, in hopes

of easing some of next year's budget shortfall.

The biggest CIP project Stapczynski earmarked for next year is \$4.5 million to upgrade Andover's water-treatment plant. That is part of a \$10-million overhaul on the plant to increase its capacity and improve the water quality, says Jack Petkus, Public Works director. The town is currently designing the plans, which are being paid for by \$975,000 Town Meeting approved in April.

The total cost of the project — \$10 million including the \$975,000 — is down from the original estimate of \$14 million. In an effort to cut costs, the town chose some less expensive methods to process water for the improved plant, says Petkus.

## FLU SHOTS: NOV. 14



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Hilda Sheehan receives a flu shot at Andover Commons on Monday. The Andover Board of Health has set next Thursday, Nov. 14 for this year's flu immunization clinic. The clinic will be at Andover High School Field House and is open to all residents 65 and older, pregnant women in their second or third trimester and those with chronic conditions advised by a physician to get such a shot. Call 978-623-8295.

## Road work

### ■ GAS LEAK

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electrical workers access to a manhole.

Chestnut Street has been closed to through traffic since last week. Chestnut, or portions of it, were also closed a couple weeks prior to that, as workers replaced an old water main.

The inconvenience has caused at least one local business owner to complain. "This is going to affect businesses," says Paula Shane, owner of Bagette on Main Street. "This is when the (holiday shopping) season starts. I think it was very inconsiderate of the town not to think of the retailers."

But the town did its best to consider everyone's interests, says Petkus. The town waited until summer was over to start the Main Street portion of the project, in hopes that people would have their windows closed due to the cold weather, hence reducing the noise. "Whatever we picked was going to be a bad time for somebody, somewhere," says Petkus.

Town Offices received a few phone calls Tuesday from residents concerned that the construction would hinder voters from getting to the polls, says Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo.

## POLICE LOG

### ARRESTS

Friday, Nov. 1 — At 6:49 p.m., Thomas Macelhaney, 20, of 8 Teaberry Lane, was arrested and charged with possessing a Class D substance.

At 6:57 p.m., Michael Mearn, 19, of 30 Daniels St., Franklin, was arrested and charged as a minor possessing alcohol, having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle and possessing a Class D substance.

At 9:18 p.m., police arrested four Andover males who are all minors. The first was a 16-year-old who was

charged as a minor in possession of alcohol and resisting arrest; the second was a 15-year-old who was charged with transporting alcohol unlawfully, having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle and possessing a Class D substance; the third was a 16-year-old who was charged as a minor in possession of alcohol; and the fourth was a 15-year-old who was charged as a minor in possession of alcohol.

Monday, Nov. 4 — At 6:56 p.m., Russell Keeler, 21, of 17 Harding St., was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of driving with a revoked license. He was also charged with having defective

equipment on his vehicle.

Tuesday, Nov. 5 — At 5:07 p.m., Jeffrey Irvine, 23, of 283 North Main St., was arrested and charged with assaulting someone with a dangerous weapon, a baseball bat, and acting disorderly.

### INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 30 — At 5:33 a.m., an officer called the gas company to respond to a Highland Road address for a smell of gas.

At 3:57 p.m., an ambulance was to treat a depressed person.

Thursday, Oct. 31 — At 2:11 a.m., a clerk at the Mobil station on

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## IN BRIEF

**New senior center architect hired**

The Senior Center Committee has hired architects Lamoureux-Pagano to help them design a new facility.

The architects will help members study two potential sites for a new or expanded senior center – the center's current location on Whittier Court and a lot in west Andover next to the site for a planned youth center.

The committee has recommended that Andover pay for a senior center with a debt-exclusion, a temporary tax increase to pay for a specific purchase.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has recommended the town spend \$350,000 from free cash to design the facility.

Selectman Mary Lyman will ask the School Committee at its Tuesday, Nov. 12 meeting for permission to inspect the upper floors of the building in which the senior center is currently housed, which is under the School Committee's control.

Residents will have a chance to meet the architects on Tuesday, Nov. 19 to discuss what they want in a senior center. The Senior Center Committee is also circulating a survey that asks residents about their hopes for a new facility.

The company, located in Worcester, designed a senior center in Shrewsbury, says Lyman.

— Rebecca Piro

## PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

During the late 1800s, 85 Main St. used to be the home of James B. Smith, the president of the company Smith and Dove. The town bought the property in 1944 to one day be used as a recreation center, or for other public use. For a few years it housed a Red Cross Chapter. Today, it houses lots of cars. In 1953, it was made into a public parking lot. It's known as the Olde Andover Village lot.

**Youth telethon**

Entry forms are now available for anyone anxious to perform during the Andover Youth Foundation's Telethon. The Raising the Roof Telethon will be televised live on local cable Channel 8. The telethon is a 12-hour program running from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28 through Friday, Jan. 31. There are two types of performances, the standard performance or the "30 seconds of fame" slot. Entry forms for students are available in all school offices. Entry forms for students and adults are available in the lobby or DCS office at Town Offices, Memorial Hall Library, the Town House and the Andover Senior Center.

**Town Meeting set**

Town Meeting fans, mark your calendars.

Andover's annual exercise of democracy will take place Monday and Tuesday, April 28 and 29, and Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6.

No Saturday date is scheduled. Despite a recommendation from the Town Government Review Committee to include a Saturday session for senior citizens and parents, selectmen voted to stick with the traditional early-week schedule.

"If people want to make Town Meeting, they'll make it," says Selectmen Chairman Ray Hender.

Selectman Brian Major pushed for a Saturday session in the past. But in order to have the first day of Town Meeting – typically the best-attended day – land on a Saturday, residents would have had to wait until May, said the town manager.

Major and Selectman Ted Teichert voted in support of the traditional schedule, along with Hender. Selectmen Mary Lyman and John Hess abstained from the vote, saying they wanted more information regarding how many residents were interested in a Saturday session.

— Rebecca Piro

**Early deadline**

The *Townsmen* will have early deadline this week because of the Monday holiday. All copy is due Friday at 5 p.m.

**Correction**

In the photo caption to the Arts & Entertainment article "The arts – timeless traditions" (Oct. 10), a studio was misidentified. The studio was Andover Studio of the Visual Arts.

**Quote, unquote . . .**

**I**T'S NOT WHAT YOU'D THINK OF A SENIOR CENTER: blood pressure machines and bingo. This is so alive.  
— Marty Doyle, an Andover senior who enjoyed having Andover High School students to the senior center on the Day of the Dead. (Story, page 11)

**I**DIDN'T DO ANY CAMPAIGNING IN ANDOVER. I was surprised I even got 70."  
— Independent gubernatorial candidate Barbara Johnson, referring to the 70 votes she received from her hometown. (Story, page 5)

**News Calendar****Thursday, Nov. 7**

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 8**

West Elementary School Council, West Elementary School, conference room, 8:15 a.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 9**

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, second floor, 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, school committee room, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

Shawsheen School Improvement Council, staff room, 3:15 p.m.

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**

Council on Aging, Town Offices, third floor, 8 a.m.

School Building Committee, Wood Hill Middle School Library, 6 p.m.

**Veterans Day activities**

The town of Andover's Veterans Day activities on Monday Nov. 11 will include the annual salute to deceased veterans at 10 a.m. in West Parish Cemetery. This will include recognition of the 68 Andover veterans who died this year. Most of these, 52 specifically, were World War II

veterans.

The day of recognition will continue at 11 a.m. in Spring Grove Cemetery, off Abbot Street and Spring Grove Road, in the American Legion lot. The ceremonies will conclude with activities at 11:45 a.m. at Ballardvale Green.

**Home for mentally challenged****Creative Living ready to rebuild from '01 fire**

By Rebecca Piro

New neighbors are coming to South Main Street, and Creative Living wants to prepare the community to welcome them.

Members of the volunteer program, which provides weekend respite care for mentally-challenged adults, plan to knock on doors this week to talk about their planned expansion.

Creative Living wants to build eight units to house mentally-challenged adults for an independent living experience. It will present its blueprint to the Planning Board at a meeting Tuesday night at Town Offices.

Creative Living's existing weekend program, located at a home on South Main Street, accommodates up to five adults.

"It affords the parents the opportunity to get away themselves, and an opportunity for the adult child to be away from the parents," says Ray DiFiore, Creative Living president.

That program has been in existence since 1988.

Last November, the federal Housing and Urban Development department awarded Creative Living and its neighbor, Faith Lutheran Church, nearly \$1 million for the project.

Church volunteers will staff the units 24 hours a day to oversee the residents.

Creative Living decided to pursue the project in May 2001 after a fire burned down its barn and made way for new construction.

DiFiore hopes to choose a

contractor for the project in the next three to four months. Creative Living will spend about 90 percent of the HUD grant money on construction, he says. The extra grant money will go towards rent subsidies for mentally-challenged adults.

DiFiore plans to continue the weekend respite program as an introductory experience to independent living.

"The respite weekend gives them a little preempt of what it's like to be on their own," DiFiore says. "They learn living skills that we all take for granted."

Creative Living also offers participants an opportunity to gain working experience and raise money for Creative Living by working in its store, Classic Threads, located in Lawrence.

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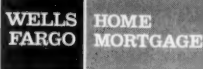
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on River Road reported that a customer had left behind an envelope with white powder and a book of matches. The fire department responded to dispose of the items.

At 6:03 p.m., a Farrwood Drive resident reported that some kids had thrown a smoke bomb on his porch. An officer was not able to locate the youths.

At 6:04 p.m., a Burnham Road caller reported that some kids had entered a vacant house next door with flashlights. An officer was to contact the homeowner the next day about boarding the house up.

At 6:12 p.m., an Acorn Drive resident reported that someone had egged his house.

At 7:34 p.m., a Bailey Road resident reported that someone had put a campaign sign for Barbara Johnson on her property without her permission. When the homeowner removed it and placed it near her trash, someone put the sign back up again. An officer advised her to rip up the sign and call if anyone tried to put something else on her property.

At 8:20 p.m., a Pauline Drive resident reported that someone was throwing eggs at houses.

Friday, Nov. 1 - At 6:57 a.m., an ambulance responded to an Elm Street address to help an 11-year-old child who was choking.

At 8:04 a.m., a Montclair Avenue resident reported a suspicious gray vehicle that was frequently parked on Montclair Avenue around 8 a.m., when chil-

dren were going to school.

At 4:07 p.m., a Porter Road resident reported two dogs not wearing licenses. The animal control officer issued fines to the dogs' owners.

At 7:53 p.m., an officer issued a court summons to a male for possessing a Class D substance.

At 10:27 p.m., an ambulance responded for a teen-aged female who had been drinking and was possibly suicidal. The female was taken to a hospital.

Saturday, Nov. 2 - At 8:24 a.m., a Center Street resident reported that her house had been egged the night before.

At 11:08 a.m., a male reported he had lost his bank card on Main Street.

At 12:15 p.m., a caller reported that a man dressed in camouflage, carrying a large case, walked into the woods off High Plain Road. Police could not find the man.

Sunday, Nov. 3 - At 1:29 a.m., a Longwood Drive caller reported that his brother and father had been assaulted by a group of kids. An officer was to file on the incident.

At 5:41 a.m., a caller reported that a young man was sleeping in Fleet Bank's ATM booth. An officer sent the man on his way.

At 8:23 p.m., a female came into the station with a knife and a note that she said had been left on her car which was parked outside of Market Basket. An officer spoke to the owner of the knife, who said he had left the knife on the car by accident. The note was

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# House selection: L'Italien

Barbara L'Italien beats two opponents for newly created 18th Essex seat

By O'Ryan Johnson

With strong showing in her hometown of Andover and support from solid Democratic communities like Haverhill and Methuen, Democrat Barbara A. L'Italien walked to victory election night in the newly created 18th Essex District.

L'Italien took 7,253 of the 14,337 votes cast for the representative's seat, or about 51 percent of the vote. Her closest challenger, Republican Kathleen R. Sachs, took in 6,324 votes, 43 percent. Independent candidate Alfred J. DePietro won 760 votes, or less than 1 percent.

L'Italien said the win underscores her constituents' desire to do away with business as usually on Beacon Hill.

"I think the resonating message is that people want permanent change and reform," she said. "I think as a Mom, I can bring some common sense and compassion to the job."

In a district cut from voting precincts in Andover, Haverhill, Methuen, North Andover, Georgetown and Boxford, her -

and her opponents' - first battle was to overcome anonymity. L'Italien, Sachs, and DePietro did that by carrying their message door-to-door.

For L'Italien, it worked. "I voted for her because she was the only one I met," said Shelley A. Steenrod, an Andover resident and a professor at Merrimack College, who met L'Italien on her front porch. "She was cagey at first, but when I asked her some questions about where to make cuts on Beacon Hill, she had answers."

DePietro spent last night competing with his dart league at a tournament at the North Andover VFW. When told he lost the elec-

tion, he walked up to the throw line and tossed two bull's-eyes. The lowest fund-raiser of the campaign, DePietro said the message is clear.

"If you have the money, you can buy the election," he said. "People talk a lot about change, but when they had a chance to vote for it, they didn't."

L'Italien loaned her campaign more than \$37,500, with her war chest maxing out at \$45,602. She spent all but \$5,540 of that money. Her new two-year seat pays \$50,123 a year.

Sachs campaign took in \$13,351, and she loaned herself no money. DePietro has not

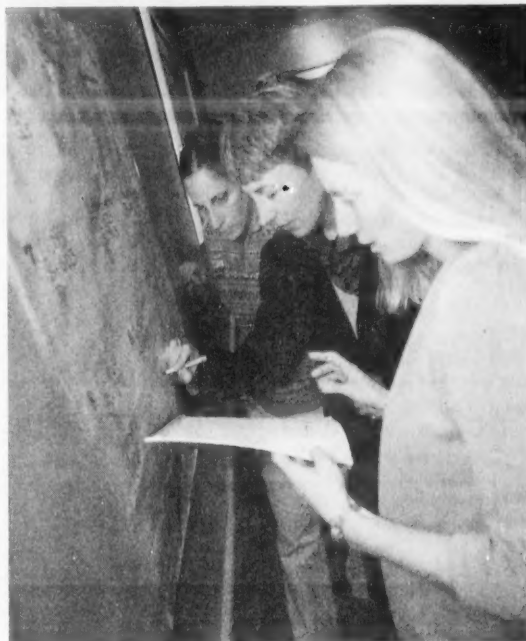


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Supporter Annette Grams, Barbara L'Italien and L'Italien's campaign manager Megan Shannon total the precinct votes at Mango Grill in North Andover on Tuesday night.

reported his expenses.

Sachs said L'Italien's money, and a high voter turnout in Democratic districts, helped L'Italien.

"The Beacon Hill crowd got what they wanted when they created this district - another Democrat," she said. "I'm just in shock my anti-tax message didn't resonate with voters."

She plans to relax and spend

time with her family in the coming days.

The once-Georgetown selectman has not ruled out another bid at the representative's seat.

DePietro said tomorrow he will go to work, and get started on his next run at the seat. "Next time, I'll get the money, and have a machine," he said. "That's what it takes to win."

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Barbara Johnson, Andover resident running for governor, looked pleased with election day early on Tuesday as she waved to voters going into the Andover Senior Center.

#### Andover resident for governor

## Johnson: 1 percent

Appletree Lane resident Barbara Johnson pulled up the rear of the gubernatorial race Tuesday night, garnering just 1 percent of the state's vote and only 70 votes in her hometown.

But the raucous Independent says she doesn't feel snubbed by her neighbors.

"I didn't do any campaigning in Andover," she says. "I was surprised I even got 70."

Johnson didn't sound quite herself Tuesday night, calling from her home around 10:30 p.m. to talk about the polling results. She has spent the last two months attracting attention to her liberal opinions on

legalizing marijuana, freeing non-violent prisoners and supporting fathers' rights, by driving around on an antique fire truck and giving lively interviews at places like the popular hard-rock station, WAAF.

"I knew Shannon wasn't going to make it," she said Tuesday night before the totals were official. "I'm disappointed if Romney got it."

But, even if a bit subdued, Johnson, an attorney who specializes in fathers' rights, has no plans to stop fighting for her causes. "I have to be in court on Thursday," she says.

— Rebecca Piro

## Senate: 2nd Essex and Middlesex In battle of Andover women, incumbent Tucker takes town

By Ben Hellman

Incumbent senator Susan C. Tucker swept every precinct in her hometown Andover Tuesday night to defeat Republican challenger and fellow Andover resident Maria Marasco for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex senate seat.

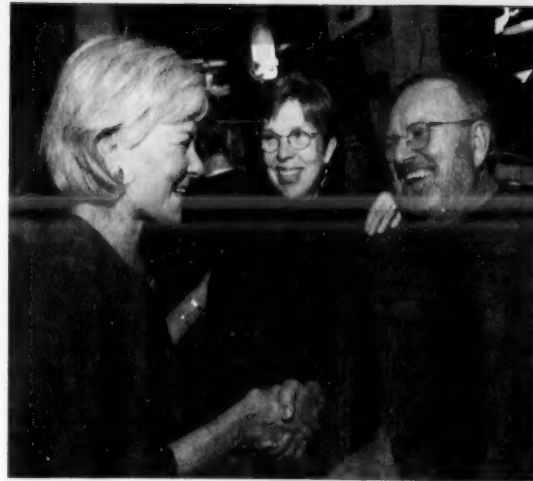
Tucker said her first business would be to "go back to work on the state budget." She said she was looking forward to economic recovery and more jobs for the Merrimack Valley, but she knew she would have to

"learn to do more with less."

Final numbers were 27,272 votes for Tucker, 15,714 for Marasco. The district includes Andover, Tewksbury, Lawrence and Dracut.

More than a decade ago, as the economy stumbled, Tucker lost a race for state representative in Andover to Republican Gary Coon. This race, with the economy again struggling, she prevailed over a Republican challenger.

Asked if she had learned from the Coon experience, she



Sen. Sue Tucker celebrates with supporters Sue and Dave Wahr at the Park Street Pub on Tuesday night.

said her time in the private sector had been valuable. "Most of us are different people than we were 14 years ago. I know that voters want their tax dollars spent efficiently," she said.

Tucker's characterized her win as a sign that her constituents were pleased with her representation and agreed with her on the key issues: education, senior citizens, social security and the environment.

Tucker said the most common message she heard as she campaigned was that people were anxious about the economy.

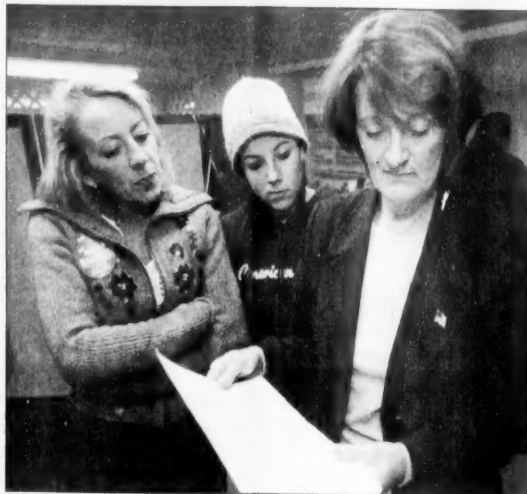
Tucker has promised to consolidate state agencies so that tax dollars can get to the people they are intended and not fuel a heavy bureaucracy. Last night she said that she was working "as we speak," on consolidating human services agencies, but that changes would not occur

overnight.

Tucker's staff points to her work with Republican Dan Grabauskas on streamlining the Registry of Vehicles as an example of her willingness to work across party lines and her desire to pare down state bureaucracy.

Maria Marasco, an Andover businesswoman who had never been elected to office, conceded the race and offered Tucker congratulations at 9:30 p.m. when the result became clear. "I think we did what we could against a 12-year incumbent," she said.

Marasco came into the race late after a successful sticker campaign in the primary. She ran her campaign on a promise to roll the state income tax back to 5 percent. Marasco won 43 percent of the vote in Andover, but failed to win in any of the town's precincts, even her own.



There were disappointed looks from Nancy and Charlene Fielding and Republican Maria Marasco, as they viewed the voting totals Tuesday. Marasco attracted 43 percent of the vote.

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## POLICE LOG

### INCIDENTS

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non-threatening, according to the log.

Monday, Nov. 4 - At 12:52 a.m., a South Main Street resident reported that she and her husband had locked themselves inside their bathroom because someone rang their doorbell a couple of times, according to the log. The husband added that there was a car outside of their house. An officer determined that the car was broken down and called AAA to help.

At 2:23 p.m., a Morton Street caller reported that he had been threatened by a co-worker.

Tuesday, Nov. 5 - At 6 p.m., a female came into the station to report an altercation with her husband. An officer gave both the husband and wife court summons for assault and battery on each other.

### BREAKS

Thursday, Oct. 31 - At 12:03 p.m., a Brown Street resident reported that someone had broken into the house and stolen several items.

### THEFTS

Thursday, Oct. 31 - At 4:59 p.m., a Ridge Street caller reported a stolen mini bike.

Friday, Nov. 1 - At 2:34 p.m., an employee at Doyle Lumber reported a bad check.

Sunday, Nov. 3 - At 9:24

p.m., a female reported that she had lost her pocketbook on Lowell Street. Another woman found it later and returned it to the owner, but the purse was missing \$85, the owner said.

Monday, Nov. 4 - At 1:18 p.m., a Morton Street caller reported the theft of a bag.

### AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 30 - At 6:52 p.m., a Cross Street resident reported that cars were driving over his lawn to get around the sewer construction.

Thursday, Oct. 31 - At 8:28 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive caller reported someone had broken into his car.

At 11:34 a.m., a Clark Road caller reported that she had locked her daughter inside her car by accident. An officer helped her open the door.

Friday, Nov. 1 - At 5 p.m., a deer was struck on Dascomb Road. The deer was killed and the driver was not injured.

Sunday, Nov. 3 - At 12:02 p.m., an officer helped a female on Bartlet Street unlock her car door after she had locked her keys inside it with the engine running.

Monday, Nov. 4 - At 7:36 p.m., a caller reported that someone had broken into her car at the Harrison Ice Rink and stolen her purse. An officer determined that three cars were broken into.

## Where there's smoke, there's 'fired!'

### SAFETY SMOKING

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so much that most people are surprised to see anyone - especially a police officer - smoking.

That's why Andover employee Stephanie Cutler was shocked to hear that a police officer working a detail on Chestnut Street last week was smoking a cigar on the job.

"It doesn't even seem politically correct to see someone walking down the street smoking anymore," says Cutler.

That officer, Officer Jim Reilly, is grandfathered - the state law does not apply to him - and allowed to smoke, says Police Chief Brian Pattullo. Officers who were hired before 1986 can smoke on their own time and in their own vehicles, out of the public eye. About six police officers smoke, he adds.

"We encourage them not to smoke in public. That's why you don't see it too often," Pattullo says. "But if an officer is working a road job for an extended period of time, I don't think it would be inappropriate to smoke. We do try to cut them a little slack. Where do you go so you're not in the public view?"

Still, he says Reilly did violate the Andover Police Department policy that specifically addresses those grandfathered officers.

"We have a regulation that

## Keeping officers fit

### State absent, town has its own rules

If a criminal runs away, will an officer be more concerned with catching the criminal, or with catching his or her own breath?

There is a state law on the books that requires police officers and firefighters hired after a certain year to pass a physical aptitude test every two years, says Lt. Commander Jim Hashem. That law also requires officers to pass a medical examination every four years.

But the law has yet to be enforced.

"The state doesn't have any money (to enforce the law)," says Police Chief Brian Pattullo.

So, in the absence of state guidance on the issue, he and Fire Chief Chuck Murnane have set up their own incentives to encourage employees to work out.

Employees are allowed to use a portion of their clothing allowance on a health-club membership, says Pattullo. In addition, the new public-safety

center will include a physical-fitness center for employees to use on and off the job.

New recruits are also required to pass a medical exam and a physical-ability test before they can begin working for the town, says Candace Hall, Andover's human resources director. Pattullo says that all of his officers who would be required to pass the test - if enforced - could do so. He believes the law calls for testing of officers hired after 1997.

"They know it could be implemented at any time, so they all maintain their physical well being," he says.

An officer has multiple chances to pass the physical aptitude test, says Hashem, who is also confident all the members of the Andover Police Department would pass.

Hall says the initial physical-ability test and medical exam that new officers and firefighters must pass is rigorous in itself.

It's entirely appropriate," he says, "to hold (public-safety employees) to a higher standard. They're involved in rescue and high-stress physical operations. We need to keep them in the best of shape."

In 1994, the Board of Health considered prohibiting smoking outdoors completely. It also thought about prohibiting people from smoking in their homes.

It's likely those ideas will surface again, "as time goes on and people begin to really understand how much of a public health problem smoking is," says Penney.

### Paramedics

## Town liability one question to ponder

Can a firefighter with multiple roles insert a needle in a patient's arm as deftly as a paramedic?

Liability is an important item on which the town will focus as it conducts a one-year study as to the feasibility of Andover firefighters becoming paramedics, says Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo.

Firefighters could learn to do the tasks of a paramedic. But a firefighter doing double duty as a paramedic may not have as many opportunities to treat a patient and practice those skills as a person who works as a paramedic full time, says Bucuzzo.

"It takes (frequent) use of those skills to keep them current and fresh," he says. "There's no room for error."

Barry Sullivan, a member of a regional council for emergency medical services under the Department of Public Health, says even private ambulance companies and hospital-based units send their paramedics to refresher courses for that reason. Firefighters would do the same, he says.

Regardless, Andover would likely be forced to buy malpractice insurance if the town decided to adopt a paramedic program, Bucuzzo says.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says he is unsure when the study will begin.

- Rebecca Piro

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Officer Jim Reilly broke a town policy by smoking on a detail, but not state law. He can smoke on duty because of his longevity. It's illegal for new officers to smoke in their own homes.

says officers cannot smoke in uniform, in public," agrees Hashem. "Obviously, if he's smoking and you can see him, that's a violation."

Reilly was "spoken to" after the incident. He says the law that prohibits police from smoking encroaches on one's privacy and personal rights.

"A new guy can't smoke in the home. Do I think it's right? No," he says.

Many residents agree with him, and all the residents interviewed for this story disapproved of the state's power to control people in their own homes.

Not Everett Penney, the town's health director. "I think

"I think it's entirely appropriate. We need to keep them in the best of shape."

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## Union: 'If we're trained, we're minutes away'

### PARAMEDICS

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Intermediate-level care is one step above an EMT's ability. A person trained in intermediate-level care can start an intravenous line for specific fluids and insert a tube down a person's throat to help them breathe.

Andover can't look to the state for advice as to whether increasing the firefighters' responsibilities is a good idea.

"We don't care what uniform is worn," says Roseanne Pawelec, a spokesperson for DPH. "What we care about is that a service adheres to treatment protocols and license requirements."

Paramedic service is the way to go in Andover, says Murnane, as the department responds to about 3,000 medical emergencies per year. It calls ALS in about two-thirds of those cases.

Murnane could not estimate how much Andover spends annually on emergency medical services. Andover currently runs two ambulances.

Andover has one paramedic on its team already. But Jeff Condon, a firefighter who joined Andover's ranks in 2001, cannot use his paramedic training, because the department isn't licensed and he doesn't have the necessary equipment.

His medical knowledge, however, is something the rest of the department – almost 100-percent of which is trained as EMTs – relies on. "I'd love to see Jeff Condon as the one that's my caretaker," says Murnane. "He has the training and he knows what he's doing."

Having paramedics in the fire department would cut down on



Because firefighters can respond so quickly, the town is considering if it is worth the expense of using them as paramedics.

response time to victims of heart attacks, car accidents and more, he adds. ALS is often tied up with a call in another community when Andover has an emergency.

"If I was having a heart attack, I would certainly want a qualified person from Andover responding, instead of taking a chance that one might be available from Lawrence," says Murnane.

"If we're trained, we're minutes away," adds John McMullen, president of the firefighters union.

#### Costly care

Not everyone thinks the situation needs tweaking. Steve Bucuzzo, assistant town manager and a former EMT who worked with paramedics for a private ambulance company in Haverhill, says Andover has a good deal with Lawrence General.

He's concerned about the pay raise firefighters will expect with their new responsibilities.

"We'd be dealing with a unionized labor force at rates of pay that far exceed that which hospital-based or private-based paramedics are being paid," he says. "The union doesn't do anything for nothing."

In Lexington, paramedics-to-be will see their stipends jump next year from 9 percent of their base salary to 15 percent (see sidebar).

Andover firefighters currently receive a 6-percent stipend if they are trained as EMTs. "It becomes a no-win situation (for the town) financially," says Bucuzzo.

McMullen argues that if firefighters provide paramedic service, they can bill those they treat for more money than they would for EMT service.

Barry Sullivan, a North Andover firefighter who serves on DPH's regional council for emergency medical services, suggests that firefighters could train to be intermediate-care providers first, as a "stepping stone" to becoming paramedics down the road. Intermediate-level care requires less spending and fewer hours training, he says.

#### Patients in capable hands

Bucuzzo acknowledges that Andover's deal with Lawrence General might not be forever. Health-care costs are rising, and he worries that Lawrence General's paramedic unit is struggling financially. Some communities are paying for paramedic services.

Lawrence General would not comment on how Andover's potential change would affect the hospital's program, or whether firefighters – whose main focus until now has been fighting fires – can do as good a job as paramedics.

"We will work with (Andover) as it studies the issue," is all that Ellen Murphy, spokesperson for Lawrence General, will say.

Murnane says there's no reason firefighters can't do as good a job as hospital or private-based paramedics. "The firefighters historically have dealt with the medical profession. There's no reason to believe whatsoever that they wouldn't provide the same care and expertise if we went to ALS."

Several firefighters, including paramedic Condon, refused to comment for this story.

## Lexington switching

Other towns: 'Where's the money?'

Firefighters doing double duty as paramedics is the trend in Massachusetts, according to the state.

The state, however, will not take a stance on whether it is in communities' best interest to use their fire departments as paramedics.

But one thing is for sure – it's a costly decision.

Lexington plans to launch its first-ever paramedic program in December. It will cost the town about \$58,000 to train one firefighter and stock one ambulance with the necessary equipment and medicine, says Lexington firefighter Don Chisholm.

"You need a cardiac monitor, defibrillator, start-up drugs and IV fluid. For one ambulance, you're probably looking at \$35,000 to \$40,000," he says. "The cost of (training a person as a paramedic) can run from \$7,000 to \$15,000 for tuition and books."

That's not including the \$3,000 stipend Chisholm, already a trained paramedic, will receive for serving as Lexington's ALS coordinator.

It also doesn't include the money Lexington will pay its firefighters to compensate the time they spend training. It doesn't include the overtime money Lexington will spend filling the shifts of firefighters who are busy training. And it doesn't include the

higher pay those firefighters will receive once they are trained paramedics.

The spending, however, will pay off in the long run, says Chisholm.

"We (will be able to) provide advance care when the first ambulance arrives, not when ALS is able to get there," he says.

North Reading firefighters, who would also like to train as paramedics, have yet to convince the community to support them.

"The town is balking at it," says Don Cook, a firefighter and EMT. "It is quite expensive for the initial start up."

"Where are you going to get the money?" asks Barry Sullivan, a North Andover firefighter and a member of a regional council for emergency medical services.

Lexington paramedics-to-be will see their stipends jump next year from 9 percent of their base salary to 15 percent. The department hopes to have 15 paramedics on board within the next few years.

"We can maintain the same level of proficiency as a hospital-based service," says Chisholm, adding that firefighters might as well be trained in ALS. "We're responding to emergency calls regardless of whether we're providing paramedic service or not."

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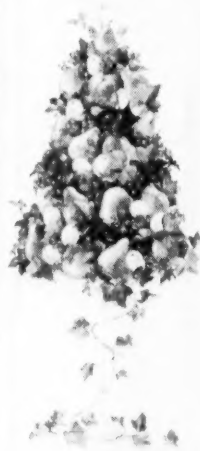
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Tiny doll clothes by the dozens

Third-generation daughter carries on creative gene in family



Andover's Amy McCormick (left) is continuing the family's creative tradition, by sewing clothes for dolls. She learned the skill from mom Fran McCormick (top) and grandmother Marie Pitochelli.

By Judy Wakefield

When the latest museum show opens this weekend, an Andover woman will provide the show's stars with the opportunity to dress in grand style. The dresses, however, will be awfully small — and we're not talking size 0.

We're talking about doll-sized clothing.

*Reflections: Fashions, Dolls, and the Art of Growing Up* — a show on the history of dolls and their clothing — opens this Saturday at the American Textile History Museum in Lowell.

The museum's show follows the maturation process of dolls, from the delicate porcelain-faced ones of yesteryear to Barbie to Cabbage Patch, to today's

American Girl. It's dolls galore, with some 300 objects, dating as far back as 1810 being featured. The show also includes toys

"It's the first daughter of a first daughter of a first daughter," explained Amy who carries on the creative arts tradition of

**"As children, we both learned... how art, sewing, music and poetry intermingled to enhance one's creative life."**

FRAN MCCORMICK

from private and public collections.

Taking center stage is an Andover artist. The museum's store is stocked with a collection of unique doll clothes made by Andover artist Amy McCormick. She is the third generation of her family to take an interest in such activities.

her mother, Fran McCormick, and her grandmother, Marie Pitochelli.

"Like them, I enjoy the fine arts of painting and drawing, music and literature, and also the pleasures of crochet and knitting," Amy said.

Never a Barbie fan in her younger years, Amy said mak-

ing clothes for the American icon of dolls was "pretty much done on a lark."

Now, it's grown into quite an attention-getter, according to Fran. A friend commissioned Amy for some special outfits for her doll collection. The word got out and soon others requested more.

Amy's original designs range from stylish two-piece outfits, to hats and tiny purses.

"These are delightful creations of a talented and expressive daughter," said Fran, an Andover artist and educator.

"As children, we both learned from Marie how art, sewing, music and poetry intermingled to enhance one's creative life," added Fran, who said her mother currently lives in a nursing home and is thrilled that her artistic hobby has been carried on for generations.

Amy said "it's from the sock dolls with shoe button eyes, made on weekends at my grandmother's" that launched her unique original doll clothes designs of today.

Patrons can check out Amy's doll clothes throughout the show, which runs from Nov. 9 until March 23, 2003. The show presents numerous dolls and toys in a series of vignettes such as a Victorian Christmas morning parlor scene, a tea party, and an attic full of dress-up treasures.

In addition, the museum is offering story hours on Saturdays through December for doll lovers of all ages. For example, *Madeline* will be read in French on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. The museum invites people to bring *Madeline* dolls.

Check the listing in the *Townsmen* for information.



Mark Deering and Olivia Joyce play hero and heroine in MJT's *No, No, A Million Times No*, which opens Nov. 15.

## No, no — don't miss the show, says MJT

Merrimack Junior Theatre, celebrating its 15th anniversary, presents the musical melodrama *No, No, A Million Times No* on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.

All performances will be held at Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street. Tickets, which are \$8, are on sale at the Andover Department of Community Services (checks only), The Strawberry Tree on Main Street and from cast members. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Audience participation is encouraged by means of cue cards which instruct the audience to hiss, boo, and cheer accordingly.

For more information, contact <gediman@attbi.com> or 978-475-3422.



## Les Mis

Andover High School Drama Guild presents *Les Misérables*, the school edition, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-23, at 7:30 p.m. It will also play Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. All shows will be held at the Collins Center Road in Andover. Tickets are \$15. Senior citizens can get a discount on Thursday, Nov. 21 only. For more information, call 978-623-8666.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Thursday, November 7

**A Taste of Andover**, hosted by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, an opportunity to sample foods, 14 local restaurants and food service facilities, \$20, 6-8 p.m., Old Town Hall, tickets are available only by contacting the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900.

**Reading**, local author Nancy Bailey

Miller will read from her book, *Of Minutemen & Molly's: North Reading Neighbors Share Their Stories*, 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St., 978-475-0143.

**Presentation**, Middlesex Community College Health Services will host a presentation on designer drugs, *Club Drugs: What's All the Rave?*, free, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Lowell Campus Cafeteria, 33 Kearney Sq., Lowell, for more information call:

978-656-3235.

**Exhibit**, the Weavers Guild of Boston, annual exhibit and sale, 5-9 p.m., Josiah Smith Barn, 358 Boston Post Road, Weston, for more information call: Barbara Provost 508-877-0913, <www.weaversguildofboston.org>.

**Live comedy**, Works in Progress, Brian Longwell, Chance Langton, Artie J., free, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill, 978-521-7664.

**Performance**, the audience watches as artist Joseph E. Karknes in the persona of Van Gogh paints while telling the story of Van Gogh's life, \$20, seniors \$18, 8 p.m., Firehouse Theatre, 1 Market Sq., Newburyport, for tickets and information call: 978-462-7336, <www.firehousecenter.com>.

**Live music**, *So Kave: The Songs of Danny Kaye*, adults \$20, seniors, students, \$18, 7:30 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, 781-279-2200, <www.stonehamtheatre.org>.

**Live music**, open mike poetry, free, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington, St., Haverhill, 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

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**Talk**, sponsored by Life Long Learning Program, Peabody Essex Museum docent, Joe Younger, will explore the witchcraft trials of 1691 to 1692, \$1, 2 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, conference area of the Bentley Library on the Haverhill campus, for more information call: Carol Duhart, 978-556-3825.

**Theater**, Northern Essex Community College's Top Notch Players presents, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, \$10, seniors, students \$8, 8 p.m., third floor of the Spurk Building, Haverhill campus, for more information call: 978-556-3374.

**Reception and gallery talk**, student art sculptures and exhibit, 12:30-1:30 p.m., J. David Broudo Gallery, Endicott College, Beverly, 978-232-2250.

### Friday, November 8

**Live music**, Collins Center Management Class and Andover High School Parent Advisory Council host Bo Winiker Orchestra, \$25, seniors \$15, complimentary dessert buffet 7-8 p.m., show 8 p.m., bene-



Author and poet Nancy Bailey Miller will read from her book, *Of Minutemen & Molly's — North Reading Neighbors Share Their Stories*, at the Andover Bookstore today, Thursday, Nov. 7. Call 978-475-0143 for more information.

**Live comedy**, DJ Hazard, Harrison Stebbins, Todd Andrews, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover, 781-938-8088.

**Theater**, the Colonial Chorus Players production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, \$14, seniors, students, \$10, 8 p.m., Volpe Center in Cambridge, tickets call: 781-944-9780, <www.colonialchorus.com>.

**Theater**, the Pingree Players present *On the Razzle*, \$10, 7:30, Andover students involved in the production include freshman Chrissy Cronin sophomore Liz Cronin, Mary Weld Pingree Center for the Performing Arts, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton, tickets at the door or call: 978-468-2194.

**Live music**, with Kate Redgate, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington, St., Haverhill, 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

**Weavers Guild of Boston**, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., see Nov. 7 entry.

**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, see Nov. 1 entry.

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## Saturday, November 9

**SouthWinds**, service at South Church, The Rev. Kathy Musser, Associate Minister at the Wellesley Congregational Church, worship theme, *High Anxiety*, a reflection on finding inner peace in troubled times, musical guests Cambridge Madrigal Singers, 5 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St.

**Live comedy**, DJ Hazard, Harrison Stebbins, Todd Andrews, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Live music**, with Aztec Two-Step, \$14, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:15, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Church, North Andover, for more information call: 978-687-3960 or 978-687-7948.

**Holiday Fair**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 239 Woburn St., Reading.

**Applefest**, craft fair, free, 9 a.m.-3

p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School.

**Christmas fair**, Sacred Heart and Sainte Marie Parishes holiday fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sacred Hearts School, 122 Andrews St., Lowell.

**Live music**, Violinist Stephanie Chase conducts Symphony by the Sea, \$25-28, Abbot Hall, 188 Washington St., Marblehead, for more information call: 617-522-8633, <www.symphonbythesea.org>.

**Opera**, Lowell Opera Company presents *Romanza*, featured singers include Andover sopranos Christina Puntoni and Ann Cobleigh, \$15, seniors, students \$10, 8 p.m. in Smith Baker Center Auditorium, 400 Merrimack St., Lowell, tickets at the door or call: 978-441-6926, <www.operalowell.org>.

**Tour**, *Mill Girls of Lowell*, free, 2:30 p.m., reservations recommended, meet at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 978-970-5000.

**Party**, one year anniversary, price includes buffet and music, \$30, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington, St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

**Weavers Guild of Boston**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see Nov. 7 entry.

**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, see Nov. 1 entry.

## Sunday, November 10

**Live music**, composer and pianist Fred Hersch, \$15, seniors and students \$10, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, <www.merrimack.edu/rogers>.

**Live music**, Middlesex Community Orchestra and the Wakefield Choral Society Veterans Day Tribute, adults \$18, seniors, students \$15, 4 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; box office 781-279-2200, <www.stonehamtheatre.org>.

**Run**, the New England 65+ Runners Club will host a 5K Run For All Ages, entry fee \$15, day of the race \$20, \$10 over 65 and free over 80, noon, start and finish at Lord Wakefield Hotel, for entry forms call: Jerry Panarese 781-334-4591; jpanarese@aol.com.

**Live music**, reception for art show,

free, 2-4 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington, St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

**Auditions**, Young Company musical, *Honk!*, adaptation of *The Ugly Duckling*, must be between the ages of 10 and 19, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Stoneham High School Music Room, 149 Franklin St., Stoneham, to schedule an audition time and to learn what you need for the audition call: Stoneham Theatre 781-279-2200.

**A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, 3 p.m., see Nov. 7 entry.

## Monday, November 11

**Veterans Day**, 10 a.m., balloon release for vets who died in the past 12 months, West Parish Cemetery; 11 a.m., annual town ceremonies, Spring Grove; noon, Veterans Day observance, Ballardvale Green, for more information call: John Doherty 978-623-8218.

## Tuesday, November 12

**Author talk**, Nicholas Gage will discuss his new book *Greek Fire*, book signing and refreshments will follow, free, 7-9 p.m., Nevis Memorial Hall Library, Methuen, to reserve tickets, call: 978-0686-4080, ext. 16.

**Harvest Dinner**, sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Women's Connection, with inspirational speaker, R. Edward Flagg, singer Debi Klontke, \$14, 7-9 p.m., all invited, Holiday Inn Andover/Tewksbury, for reservations call: Phyllis 978-658-4587 or Dolly 978-944-2228.

**Live jazz**, with the Worcester 16 Piece Jazz Orchestra, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$10, Casa Vecchia, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.

## Wednesday, November 13

**Theater**, the first production of a new play *Augustine*, following the performance the audience will be invited to speak with the artistic staff as part of the revision process, 8 p.m., tickets are free but required, call the box office, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, <www.merrimack.edu/rogers>.

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Self portraits by ASVA students are, from left: Clayton Daher, Carly Rauh and James Marte Costello. The portraits will hang in Main Street locations this month.

## Budding artists interpret famous artists

The Andover Studio of Visual Arts will present a show hung in Main Street locations titled "Modern Art: From Real to Modern."

The show includes a variety of inspiration from well-known artists such as Jasper Johns, Roy

Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol. Self portraits created by young students will be on display. The exhibit will explore relationships between realism and current art, according to a release.

The Andover Studio of Visual Arts provides an art education

for children, teens and adults focusing on learning how to create two- and three-dimensional art. The studio presents several group exhibitions per year.

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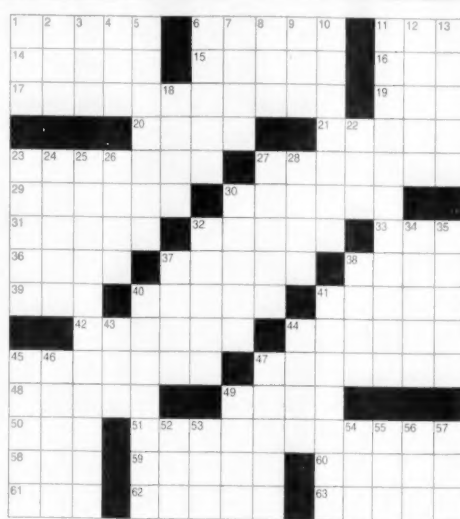
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**After School Program**, hosted by the Andover Historical Society, *Scrap Iron & Victory Gardens* for kids ages 8 to 12, learn what life was like on the homefront during World War II, bring a grandparent or friend and enjoy games and crafts of the program, members \$5, non-members \$10, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., pre-registration required, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

**Merrimack Valley Camera club meeting**, 7 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-685-8317, <www.mvccameraclub.org>.

**Lecture**, Positive Life Techniques to Reduce Stress, with Dr. Tom McFadden, \$30, 6:30 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Library conference area of the Haverhill campus, for more information call; 978-363-5153.

**Talk**, The Civil War Roundtable of

Merrimack featured topic is Second Manassas, by Jon Roll, free, 7:30 p.m., The Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Rd., Salisbury; contact Tom 978-462-8518.

**Thursday, November 14**

**Training**, sponsored by the Merrimack Toastmasters Club. *Interview Skills Training*, free, 7-9 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover, for more information contact; Bill Cashman 978-475-0721.

**Poetry reading**, contributors to *The Acre*, a literary magazine edited by Andover poet Michael Casey, will read from their work, 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

**Homebased Businesswomen's Network meeting**, with guest speaker Ellen Skryness, 7 p.m., Village Green, Rte. 1 North, Danvers; Elaine Abramo 978-531-3051, <www.h-b-n.org>.

**Friday, November 15**

**Theater**, produced by Merrimack Junior Theatre, *No, No, a Million Times No*, directed by Josie Walker, \$8, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, tickets can be purchased at Strawberry Tree, Andover Department of Community Services, from cast members or at the door if available.

**Talk**, Professor Egon Mayer sociologist and director of the Center for Jewish Studies at City University of NY, will speak on *Love and Tradition: Marriage between Jews and Christians*, free, 7:30 p.m., open to the public, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggitts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

**Andover High School Varsity Football Game**, Senior Night - 6:45pm ceremony, Andover Golden Warriors hosting Billerica High School, \$5 adults, \$3 seniors, students, 7 p.m. kick-off, Eugene Lovely Field, Andover High School, Shawsheen Rd.; Jim Hur-

ley, Athletic Director, 978-623-8570.

**Live comedy**, Steve Sweeney, Adam Pearlman, Sam Walters, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Raffle**, Turkey Cheer, a raffle of turkeys, hams, and fruit baskets, sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish Church, free admission, 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Church Hall, 321 S. Broadway, Lawrence.

**Auction**, the North Shore Music Theatre, is holding a benefit for their educational and outreach program, tickets \$50-\$100, black tie optional, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; call; 978-232-7200.

**Fundraiser donations**, please donate clean (long and short) prom and party dresses to be resold at our upcoming dress sale, drop off dresses anytime today to the North Andover Youth Center, 33 Johnson St., North Andover, questions call; Abbe Ritchie 978-683-8856, Nancy

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**Live music**, with Katrin Roush, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

**Gallery talk**, artists Christo and Jeanne Claude will discuss their works, 3 p.m., Monserat College of Art, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-922-8222.

**Holiday show**, the Saltbox Gallery presents fine art, antiques and hand-crafts, free admission, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Coolidge Hall, Topsfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield, for more information call; 978-887-3844.

**Saturday, November 16**

**Holiday Fair**, sponsored by the Georgetown PTA from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Georgetown Middle/High School cafeteria, located just off Rt. 133 E. Main St., Georgetown.

**Live comedy**, Jim Colliton, Adam Pearlman, Sam Walters, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Supper**, sponsored by the Forest St. Union Church, ham and bean supper, 4:30-6:30 p.m., \$6, children under 12 \$3, Forest St. Union Church, 15 Forest St., Methuen.

**Live music**, with Jim Gallant, \$8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, <www.crescentdragon.com>.

**Live comedy**, comedian Bill Campbell's *Parenting Story-My life as a Dad*, \$8, 8 p.m., Wingate Theatre, 45 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-521-7664.

**Pottery sale**, Purple Sage Pottery, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 3 Mechanic St., Studio D, Merrimack; 978-346-9978.

**Artist reception**, four artists featured at the Walsingham gallery, 5-8 p.m., 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411.

*No, No a Million Times No*, see Nov. 15 entry.

**Holiday show**, see Nov. 15 entry.

**Sunday, November 17**

**Live Music**, presented by the Andover Chamber Music Series, two acclaimed classical musicians of Romanian descent will join flutist Julia Scolnik in a concert, *The Gypsy Spirit*, \$20-25, 4 p.m., the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College in North Andover, call for tickets and information; 978-474-6222, <www.andoverchambermusic.org>.

**White Fund lecture series**, *Steinway at the Library*, Terri Kelley offers a history of the famous piano maker and will demonstrate the restored 1914 Steinway, free, Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence.

**Live music**, Reading Symphony Orchestra, featuring Mia Chung, world-renowned piano soloist, conducted by Dr. Vazquez of Andover, \$15, seniors, students \$8, under 12 free, 3:30 p.m., Reading Memorial High School Auditorium; 781-944-5233.

**Live music**, Barbara and Al Boudreau Quartet, 5-9 p.m., reservations recommended, Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammett St., Ipswich; 978-356-7006.

**Live music**, Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras, feature Andover residents, Jessica Hsiao, Athena Hsieh and Sol Jin, 7:30 p.m., Symphony Hall, call for tickets; 617-266-1200.

**Family Discovery Series**, *The Shangri-La Acrobats*, from Taiwan, \$10, shows 2 and 4 p.m., Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., on the UMass-Lowell South Campus, for tickets and information call; 978-934-4444.

*No, No a Million Times No*, 2 p.m., see Nov. 15 entry.

**Holiday show**, see Nov. 15 entry.

**Pottery sale**, noon-5 p.m., see Nov. 16 entry.

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Class of 2003: **Katherine Dlesk, Brian Fiske, Brian Karfunkel, Viraj Navkal and Joshua Williams.**

The following students at Phillips have been named Commended Students in the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among 34,000 students throughout the nation who will receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their exceptional academic promise.

Class of 2003: **Kate Cooper, Molly Hauptman, Marianna Kleyman, Caitlin Littlefield, Amy Malleck, Sikanyiswe Maqubela, Michael Ruderman, Benjamin Sprattler, Taylor Washburn and Scott Wilbur.**

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Bibler is one of a group of 16,000 students who represent less than one percent of all US high school seniors.



Benjamin Bibler

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The semifinalist also must

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## Slice of life on Day of the Dead

Visit to senior center a chance for AHS students to learn about other cultures

By Ben Hellman

IT WAS A CELEBRATION of the Day of the Dead, but from the talking and laughter it was anything but a morbid affair.

An Andover High School Spanish class visited the senior center last Friday to talk about the sometimes lively Mexican, Central and South American holiday, the Day of the Dead. The students gave a presentation, shared skull-shaped Day of the Dead sugar cookies and interviewed seniors for a paper to be written in Spanish.

Sophomore Talena Bucci explained to the group that the cultures that celebrate Day of the Dead believe that on that day, Nov. 2, "the deceased are given leave to visit their (still living) relatives." The seniors oohed at the thought — and then laughed at themselves for oohing.

"It's not what you'd think of a senior center: blood-pressure machines and bingo. This is so alive," said senior citizen Marty Doyle, who enjoyed the day.

The Day of the Dead visit was an opportunity for the students to learn about more than just Spanish culture. Junior Linda Muzere, who is in her first year at Andover High, talked and asked questions of Chinese-Americans Min Yi Tang and Wei Min Zheng.

"China is a very old-fash-



Left, Min Yi Tang and Wei Min Zheng talk with AHS student Linda Muzere at the senior center.



At far left, Anthony Freccero of Andover High listens to Bernice Haggerty (also at top right). Inset photo: Skull-shaped Day of the Dead sugar cookies.



Jess Decristofaro listens to stories of seniors during a Day of the Dead event.

ioned country, but when it opened, we learned very fast," Kelsey Hundstad stood over

a pot of Mexican-style hot chocolate.

"It was nine hours of cooking," she said, to prepare the skull-shaped sugar cookies and bake the orange-flavored loaves of bread.

Students Beth Hajec and Sean Geary also helped to bake and prepare foods.

"It's a great treat. I think we should do it more often," said senior center visitor Gwen Scott.

## Parents look to put music back into the elementary-school day

By Ben Hellman

HAS MOVING ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL instrumental music lessons after school worked?

The School Committee will try to answer that question Tuesday, Nov. 12 at a special workshop requested by parents of the music advocacy group, Friends of Andover Music Education (FAME). Committee members requested that music administrators Diana Kolben and Pauline Sparages, as well as one or more elementary principals, be present at the workshop.

Parent Ellen Davidson, who presented questions that FAME would like the school administration to answer before the committee, says that making the information available is the first step.

Then comes the real question: "So, now what?"

"My assumption is that there will be a real positive spin," said Davidson. Although she said that the program was working for her son, "it's costing us a lot of money," she said.

Parent Jennie Macheras hopes that the School Committee will be more willing to work with parents to get instrumental music lessons back into the elementary-school day. "We're hoping to have them open this up again," she said.

Macheras says that fund-raising will become important if there is a chance to get the in-school lessons reinstated.

She doesn't believe that \$130,000 (the combined salaries of three teachers) is needed to fund the program. "It's obviously not \$130,000. It's much less than that," she said. Macheras argues that the teachers were doing more than teaching instrumental lessons last year, so the amount needed to provide teachers for lessons would be less than three total salaries.

Macheras says that FAME will submit an in-day plan used by Belmont schools. The plan involves coordinating study time to allow all of the instrumental students in a grade to leave at once. Macheras says that a 45-minute study period exists at High Plain Elementary so scheduling at the other schools could make the Belmont model work.

School Committee member Gerry Gustus says he'll be open-minded, but he sees a lot of hurdles for the parents in getting the program into the school day. "It's not an 'over-my-dead-body' type of thing," he said.

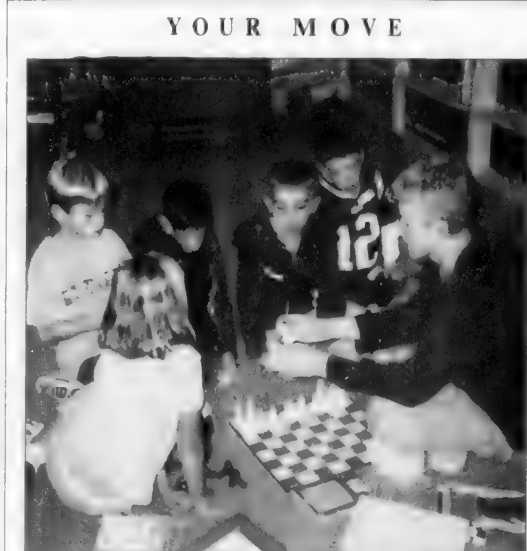
As far as parents raising funds, Gustus is concerned about the future of a program dependent on such revenue. "I'd want to know about the sustainability," he said.

Gustus hopes that the parents will get full answers at the meeting, "warts and all."

FAME meets on the third Wednesday of every month at the West Elementary media center.

"We're hoping to have them open this up again."

JENNIE MACHERAS, A PARENT WHO WANTS THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO RESTORE THE MUSIC PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOLS



Sanborn School's Exploration program is in full swing this fall. The before- and after-school enrichment program offers a variety of classes, both fun and academic. One of Explorations' popular courses is chess club, which is offered weekly to students in kindergarten through grade 5. Each Friday, chess mates match wits with their peers. Christopher Mullen (right), an Andover High School volunteer, helps the beginners learn the game.

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## LOCAL SCHOLARS

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submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes a self-descriptive essay and information about the student's leadership in school and community activities.

Sikanyiswe Maqubela, a student in the class of 2003 at Phillips Academy, has been named a semifinalist in the 2003 National Achievement Scholarship Program, a privately financed academic competition that honors outstanding students who are black.

Nationwide, about 1,200 semifinalists will now advance to compete for over 775 Achievement Scholarship awards that will be offered in the spring on the basis of ability, accomplishments and potential for academic success in college.

## PA magazine wins awards

Backtracks, Phillips Academy's student-run general interest magazine, has received a first prize in the American Scholastic Press Association's national competition of high school publications. ASPA considered over 2,000 entries and awarded Backtracks a top 10 score of 943 out of 1,000 points, citing the magazine for its layout and design, consistency, quality of writing, and overall content.

This is the second time the magazine has been entered in this competition, winning a second prize in 1995.

Backtracks also recently received four second-place prizes — for layout and design, special issue (the magazine's 100th), cover design and editorial content — in the prestigious National Scholastic Press Association contest. There were more than 3,000 entries in this competition, including many college and university publications.

Backtracks is in its 15th year of publication.

Shawsheen School invites the public to its annual book fair Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Banbury Cross Children's Book Shop will provide books appropriate for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, including recent award-winning titles as well as old favorites.

"Support the Shawsheen School library and take this opportunity to enrich the lives of children with quality books," said a spokesperson for the fair.

On Oct. 18, the Andover School of Montessori celebrated United Nations Day as part of the school's commitment to understanding and learning about other cultures. Each student chooses a country to represent and learn about.

The students dress in traditional attire from their chosen country. A brief ceremony is held outside the school, where each class sings a song they have learned in another language. Information is shared throughout the school as students enjoy snacks and lunch comprised of a variety of international foods.

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The Andover High School Marching Band received a silver medal at the Massachusetts Instrumental & Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) State Marching Band Finals on Sunday, Oct. 27.

The finals were held in Framingham and included representatives from Divisions I through IV.

The UMass Minuteman Band performed their Gladiator

## SCHOOL TALK



◀ The Andover School of Montessori celebrated United Nations Day on Oct. 18. In the photo, Joan Pedersen conducts a lower elementary classroom discussion on culture and diversity.

Andover middle-school students will have an opportunity to see the AHS Marching Band in action on tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 8, when the band will tour the middle schools. ▼

Show for the crowd as well.

Andover High's Marching Band, led by drum majors Katrina Veidins and Tom Valleau, showed their determination and pride at the finals, a spokesperson said. The band played a jazz rendition of three Beatles songs: *Eleanor Rigby*, *She's Leaving Home* and *Getting Better*.

The band is under the direction of Joe Wright.



## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Nov. 11-15:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** No school — Veterans Day.

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti and meatballs, pancakes with ham, slice of pizza, green beans, peaches and milk. Lucky tray day.

**Wednesday:** Egg McMuffin with cheese, baked chicken nuggets, pizza ring with marinara sauce, potato puffs, fruit and milk.

**Thursday:** Pork chops with potato, french toast with sausage, nachos with cheese sauce, peas, fruit and milk.

**Friday:** Bologna and cheese with chicken noodle soup, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, corn, applesauce, milk and chocolate cake with frosting.

### Doherty Middle School

**Monday:** No school — Veterans Day.

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti and meatballs, french toast sticks with sausage, stuffed crust pizza, green beans, peaches and milk. Lucky tray day.

**Wednesday:** Two egg McMuffins with cheese, baked chicken nuggets, cheeseburger on a roll,

french fries, mixed fruit and milk.

**Thursday:** Pork chops with potato, nachos with cheese sauce, two toasted cheese sandwiches, peas, fruit, milk and chocolate cake.

**Friday:** Bologna and cheese with chicken noodle soup, baked chicken nuggets, stuffed crust pizza, corn, applesauce and milk.

### Secondary schools

**Monday:** No school — Veterans Day.

**Tuesday:** Two beefy burritos, bakery pizza, rotini with meat sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Two egg McMuffins with cheese, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, fruit, veggie and milk.

**Thursday:** Pork chops with potato, bakery pizza, American chop suey, fruit, veggie, milk and chocolate cake.

**Friday:** Two hot dogs on a roll, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are: Elementary student \$1.50; adult \$2.25. Secondary student \$1.75 or \$2.50; adult \$2.50 or \$3.25.

Questions? Call Karen Pappa at 978-623-8623.

## DANCE & DRIFTERS



Charlie Thomas and the Drifters had the sport and fitness center at Northern Essex Community College rocking Friday evening, Oct. 4. The NECC Foundation's fourth annual fundraiser, Doo Wop and Dessert, featured music by the Drifters, dancing by NECC student dancers, and a decadent chocolate dessert buffet prepared by Greater Lawrence Technical School, Whittier Technical High School, and Corporate Chiefs of Haverhill. Charlie Thomas is shown in the photo with student dancers Caterina Lewis-Perry of Exeter, N.H., and Ashley Sullivan of Andover.

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# Business

## IN BRIEF

### Reilly named director at Church

Senior Vice President Michael S. Reilly has been named a director of Lowell-based Fred C. Church Insurance.

Reilly has been with Fred C. Church for 15 years. He holds the Certified Insurance Counselor designation. Reilly is a trustee at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell, a director of the Lowell Plan, a director of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lowell, and corporator of the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank.

Reilly is a Lowell native living in Andover with his wife, Lorraine, and children, Molly and Michael. He is a graduate of Milton Academy and Dartmouth College.

### Local firm honored in LACP annual report competition

Tepperman-Ray Associates Inc. of Andover announced it has been awarded honorable mention by the League of American Communications Professionals (LACP) for its work on the 2001 Lightbridge Annual Report.

Judging was conducted by a field of communications professionals affiliated with LACP. Entries were judged on creativity, artwork, narrative and readability categories, among others. More than 600 entries were received from companies ranging from some in the top 10 in the Fortune 500 to non-profits. Industries represented ranged from healthcare, technology and utilities to financial services and charitable foundations.

LACP is a San Diego-based organization of professionals that encourages excellence in the practice of communications for all organizations.

Tepperman-Ray Associates is a marketing communications firm located in Andover that specializes in strategy, planning and creative services for companies.

### Sherlock solves communications for Northeast Hospitals Corp.

Northeast Hospital Corp. (NHC), the parent company of Beverly and Addison Gilbert hospitals, recently announced the appointment of Barbara Sherlock to marketing communications manager.

With more than 20 years of experience in the marketing field, Sherlock will utilize her marketing expertise to plan and execute the organization's advertising, direct mail, collateral and Web-related projects.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of Northeast Hospital Corporation," says Sherlock. "The organization puts a heavy emphasis on marketing and business development initiatives, and I look forward to contributing to its future success."

Prior to joining NHC, Sherlock held marketing management positions at Fenway Community Health Center, Fallon Community Health Plan, Private Healthcare Systems and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Sherlock has earned a master's in public relations from Boston University, as well as a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

She lives in Andover.

## Local inventor's design hastens disaster work

New filter mask could make breathing easier

By Andy Murray

**A**FTER TERRORISTS FLEW HIJACKED planes into the World Trade Center, Andover resident Muniyapla Eswarappa saw only dust. Dust that choked emergency workers and survivors. Dust that made climbing over the jagged debris pile dirty, tiring and slow.

Dust that Eswarappa believes one of his inventions — a design for a new type of air-filter device — could handle. In fact, Eswarappa says his design could help emergency workers at future disasters, making their rescue work faster. A patent application for the design was already on file at the US Patent Office in Washington D.C. when the Sept. 11 attacks happened.

"(After Sept. 11) quite a few people called me and said, 'I wish your product was on the market,'" said Eswarappa, who is co-founder and president of the Lawrence company Clean Air Solutions Inc.

A year later Eswarappa has his patent. If the 51-year-old tinkerer can bring his design into the mainstream, it may also mean hundreds of new jobs for Lawrence, a city Eswarappa says he would be loathe to abandon.

"I would prefer to stay in Lawrence. I stayed here long enough that I think this town, from my point of view, has everything a manufacturer needs," he said.

Deep inside Lawrence's Washington Mill, Eswarappa's cluttered work room looks like the kind of laboratory that would turn Martha Stewart's stomach.

Yellowed newspapers and rolls of fiber litter the floor along with Eswarappa's notebooks, which are filled cover to cover. An open box of golf balls sits in one corner, where Eswarappa was working on an idea he had about their indentations.

The inventor, who goes by the nickname "Eswar," says his idea for a new filter design never would have happened in a clean room. In 1999, Eswarappa was playing around with glue when a few of the fibrous filters Clean Air Solutions manufactures got stuck together. The thought occurred to him that filters stacked in a row might solve a problem that has bedeviled filter masks for nearly a century.

Filter mask makers want their masks to be easy to breathe in, meaning filters in the masks have to be big with a wide area for air to pass through.

"If you couldn't breathe there isn't much you could do," Eswarappa said. But filters, which usually rest in canisters at either side of a typical respirator or filter mask, have to be small enough for the user to see. If a wearer is scrambling over a disaster site, rushing to rescue hurt victims, concerns about visibility and efficiency are paramount.



Andover resident Muniyapla Eswarappa of Clean Air Solutions, Lawrence, poses with his new design of filters that he got patented.

Eswarappa's idea was to stack filters into rows. Contaminated air enters intake channels at the sides of the mask and can pass through as many individual filters as the wearer attaches. The more filters in a stack, the larger the surface area of the filter and the easier it is for the wearer to breathe. At the same time, the larger filter fits into a more compact area, rarely obstructing the wearer's view. The idea was so simple, Eswarappa was stunned to find no inventor had previously thought of it.

Eswarappa sees a large potential market for the stackable filter design both as a homeland security device and as a tool for jobs in manufacturing, construction or clean-up. Traditional filters like the kind Clean Air Solutions already manufactures for 3M, Wilson and Scott filter out everything from dust and harmful mists to some airborne toxins and biological weapon agents. The filters could also be used in asbestos removal, where employee turnover is high because crucial filter masks are difficult to breathe in, Eswarappa said.

"That is the main limiting factor and contractors cannot get workers," he said.

Emergency workers have started taking notice of filter masks and some of their shortcomings.

John E. Parow, team coordinator for Massachusetts' Merrimack Valley hazardous materials response team, sees

increasing demand for filter masks as. After Sept. 11, Parow and his team used filter masks to respond to numerous reports of anthrax contamination that all turned out to be false alarms. Filter masks require fewer fittings and are easier to slip over a victim's face in an emergency because they require little explanation, let alone training. Parow has even heard members of Congress have filter masks under their seats in the Capitol in case an airborne contaminant is unleashed.

"There is going to be a larger call for these filter masks," Parow said.

Eswarappa, a native of the Indian city of Bangalore, in the southern tip of the subcontinent, agrees.

A former executive for an Indian textile company, Eswarappa moved to Lowell 20 years ago to study synthetic fiber technology and plastics at the Lowell Textile School. The realization that air pollution was making it dangerous to live in many Third World countries prompted Eswarappa to found Clean Air Solutions, which employs five to 20 workers depending on orders from mask makers.

Eswarappa, who has started his own venture, Vase Technology, to control his newly invented device, may still have his toughest work ahead of him.

He would like Clean Air Solutions to take up manufacturing of his new stackable filter device, but needs significant investment to get it started.

Because Eswarappa wants the largest possible market for his air-cleaning device, it also means he will likely be going up against larger, filter-mask companies. Eswarappa would like his design approved for use in various types of filter masks and respirators. The regulatory agency, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, has traditionally approved filter and mask as a unit, usually with both pieces being made by the same company.

"It's basically changing the whole culture of an industry," said Eswarappa, who said he is also considering licensing his design to a larger company.

If Eswarappa can guide Clean Air Solutions down the road to actual manufacturing of his idea, it could open a new front for textile manufacturing and homeland defense technology in the Merrimack Valley.

Eswarappa isn't sure, but he believes the market for a new stackable filter device could mean millions in new sales and 40 to 50 new jobs at his small Lawrence company in the first year.

His patent may be secure, but for this inventor the work is just beginning.

"I honestly think anyone can invent. You have good ideas, the question is do you pursue it?" he said.

## UPDATE FROM THE TOP



Thomas Durso, supervisor of customer services at Andover Post Office, was among nearly 200 postal supervisors in the Middlesex-Central Postal District to attend recent supervisor quarterly meetings. Here, he meets with District Manager Joanna B. Korker.

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# Opinion

## Time to go to work on Hill

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OFTEN discuss how hard they work on the campaign trail. While they deserve praise for their commitment to public service, now is the time when their real work begins. With the state budget in turmoil, candidates must begin fulfilling their promises pronto.

Voters in each precinct in Andover supported incumbent Sen. Susan Tucker. Townspeople should look forward to Tucker pushing her plan to overhaul the state's human services departments, saving money and making it easier for people to get the help they need. If she can do anything near what she and others, such as Dan Grabauskas, did at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, she will have earned Andover voters' support.

New state representative Barbara L'Italien will need to live up to her words that there is a lot more to her than her support for education funding. We trust she'll find the balance she promised between funding important services and helping keep seniors – and middle-class taxpayers – in their homes.

## Needed slowdown

DURING THE GOOD TIMES of the 1990s, Andover approved a number of construction projects – and it is still paying the bills on many of them.

With the change in the economy, officials have no choice but to do an about-face and clamp down on new projects. That's why selectmen have issued a policy calling for a debt-exclusion override to fund capital projects, and the capital improvement plan is greatly reduced.

But approving a more limited number of projects can be a sound policy in any economic climate. Selecting only a few projects every year ensures that town workers can focus attention on top priorities.

### Web question

#### Big Brother or reasonable request?

The most recent *Townsmen* Web-site question was: Are complimentary vehicles for 18 town employees a necessity?

- 12 people, or 21 percent, said, "Yes. Those employees need the vehicles to do their job properly."
- 3 people, or 5 percent, said, "Yes. The town couldn't attract employees of that caliber unless it offered them a vehicle."
- 29 people, or 50 percent, said, "No. Those employees can get to an emergency just as quickly and efficiently in their own vehicle."
- 12 people, or 21 percent, said, "No. I'm not convinced the town can prevent those employees from abusing their privilege."
- 2 people, or 3 percent,

said, "Other."

This week's question: **The state prohibits public-safety workers who were hired after 1986 from smoking on or off duty – even in their own homes. Anyone who falls under the law and violates it can be fired. Do you approve of this law?**

- Yes. Our public-safety employees must be in good health and they should be held to a higher standard.

- No. The state should not have the power to invade someone's privacy at home.

- Other:

To cast a vote, surf to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com)

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### PASSING DOWN TRADITION



Underneath an American flag, Betsy Hopkins showed her daughter Emily Appleton, 9, how to vote on Tuesday.

### Guest column

## Past – and future – problems with health care

Dr.  
George  
LeMaitre  
Sunset  
Rock  
Road

The cost of health care is a major social and political issue.

Politicians are disingenuous and overly-simplistic with their proposed solutions. An historical review may explain the problem.

Paying for health care has gone through three phases in the 20th Century, and a fourth is just around the corner.

#### Fee for service

The first phase, from 1900 through 1945, is fee for service. The patient paid for his health care. He or she was free to negotiate that fee, look for less expensive doctors, even refuse to pay. He was conscious of each service and each fee. He often rationed his own care, refusing to see a doctor for something he believed would take care of itself.

#### Free service

The second period was ushered in by health insurance (Blue Cross, Blue Shield) and government (Medicare and Medicaid). This occurred from 1945 through 1985: the period of free service. Everything the doctor did – operations, hospitalizations, every pill – was paid for by insurance. The service was free to the patient, so called first-dollar coverage. The patient stopped shopping, stopped caring about costs ("spare no expense doctor, I want the best" went an old adage).

#### Phase 3: Flee from service

As insurance premiums increased due to over-utilization by patient and doctor, neither of whom cared about the cost, the health dollar began to run out. This ushered in the third period, starting in 1980. I call this the period of flee-from-service. The strategy was to place obstacles between patient and doctor, such as no returned phone calls, use of paramedics and nurse practitioners instead of doctors, funneling patients to out-patient clinics, getting patients out of hospitals earlier, no matter the pain or risk, in rationing care but never using that word.

Freeze the service

A fourth period is around the corner. It will come when the public becomes disgusted with the flee-from-service syndrome. It will involve a single payer system, the federal government, which will either take over health insurance or force companies to comply with federal rules.

This period I call freeze the service, and it will be a very codified form of rationing health care. This cost-cutting scheme will evolve over many years and go through controversial periods where politicians will fight over what rationing is justified. As happens in most countries with national health plans, black-market medicine, favoring the rich, will surface and never be eliminated.

Four major factors have led to the rapidly escalating cost of health care:

1. The aging of the population. The older we get the more costly our health care. When we

lived to age 50, not that long ago, bodily systems did not break down as much; as we age, the systems wear out. We need

joints, ligaments, eye lens, hearing systems, hearts, kidneys.

2. Fee for service medicine. When the patient was responsible for his care, he did his own rationing. If you go to a supermarket and find a price tag on each cucumber, you only buy enough

cucumbers for your immediate needs. Offer cucumbers for nothing and there will be a run on the market and, soon, an absence of cucumbers! Patients will seek medical care up to the level of their insurance and physicians will dispense care up to the level of the insurance. Once the patient is no longer responsible for his care, over-utilization sets in the third parties try to control costs.

3. High-tech medicine, extremely expensive, is forcing budget-breaking decisions for those who pay. A single example may suffice: a dental implant costs about three thousand dollars. Patients have to pay out of pocket for these implants so most settle for dentures and glue. When, and it will happen, insurance or government is

forced to pay, there will be a run on the market. All patients will want them. Imagine the cost if all patients had their teeth replaced with implants, devices not available two decades ago. Cardiac stents, implanted organs, new joints, these and dozens of extremely expensive medical devices, and extraordinarily expensive drugs, are now available and patients demand them.

4. The Principle of Uncertainty states that in any give relationship between a doctor and his patient, the doctor is never certain that the patient is not harboring a fatal disease. Given the host of lawyers waiting hungrily in the wings for an undiagnosed fatal disease, the doctor keeps ordering more and more tests and refers the patient to more and more specialists so as not to miss the rare case of brain tumor, for example, in the patient presenting with a simple migraine headache. The more tests, the more specialists, the more pills, the higher the cost; all to protect against malpractice, so called defensive medicine.

At another time I should like to discuss these issues in greater detail and what can be done to solve the problem of escalating health-care costs.

George D. LeMaitre, MD, writes from 8 Sunset Rock Road. He is a clinical instructor at Tufts University School of Medicine and author of the book *How to Choose a Good Doctor*. He is a former chief of surgery at Lawrence General and former president of Holy Family's medical staff.

### THE THURSDAY FILE

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

It isn't so much what's on the table that matters as what's on the chairs.

W.S. GILBERT

As a final incentive before giving up a difficult task, try to imagine it successfully accomplished by someone you violently dislike.

K. ZENIOS

Looking back, I imagine I was always writing. Twaddle it was, too but far better to write twaddle or anything, anything, than nothing at all.

KATHERINE MANSFIELD

#### The JFK quotation:

To those people in the huts and villages of half the globe, struggling to break the bonds of mass misery, we pledge our best efforts to help them help themselves, for whatever period is required, not because the Communists may be doing it, not because we seek their votes, but because it is right. If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS  
WASHINGTON, DC  
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#### Best quotation sent:

To be a hero, to be heroic, is to be oneself.

SPANISH PHILOSOPHER  
ORTEGA Y GASSET

The intelligent man finds almost everything ridiculous, the sensible man hardly anything.

JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE

If a man lends an ear, it's because he, too, wants to speak.

ARGENTINEAN PROVERB

Sometimes, when one person is missing, the whole world seems depopulated.

ALPHONSE MARIE LOUIS DE LAMARTINE

True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.

CHARLES CALEB COLTON

Autumn is mellow, and what we lose in flowers, we gain in fruits.

SAMUEL BUTLER



## LETTERS

## Junior football league Kids' football hands off lessons

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I'm standing here for the sixth year in a row, at the Doherty Middle School field watching opening ceremonies of Andover Junior Football League. I wait patiently, like all the parents, for the announcement of my son's name. Patrick Kelley... so quick and the boys of green and white run across the field, proud of themselves, ready to play one of America's most exciting sports - football. There's something energizing about the game that everyone should experience.

I am parent of three boys who have participated, and have a husband who has coached for all six years. My 14-year-old, who started in the third grade, is now an eighth-grader in Andover Junior Football League. This unfortunately will be his last year. Not once has he ever missed one practice or one game. I am proud of his dedication, loyalty, and the ability to take a win or loss in stride. I owe a lot of this to the game and the coaches.

These coaches, the referees and the dedicated cheerleaders have all played important roles.

Football is the ultimate team sport; no one player is more important than another. I couldn't stress enough how important it is to be at every practice and listen to the advice of coaches. The sport has given my son a sense of pride, leadership, and responsibility.

To see the boys on all these teams, ranging from inexperienced 9-year-olds to 14-year-old young men, go out and play hard every Sunday is an experi-

## Fire deputy: Budget series does disservice to town

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Your recent series of articles, on public safety salaries, are doing the community a disservice. You are attempting to scandalize public safety personnel's earnings. Most people I have spoken to are not ashamed of treating their firefighters fairly. Firefighting is a unique and relentless vocation. It requires 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week coverage. Every night, every weekend. Every holiday, child's birthday, anniversary. Every day, all day for the better part of the last century. Andover's firefighters have been on duty, answering the call.

Fire numbers are down nationwide, however fires are not non-existent, not even in Andover. We have investigated the origin and cause of more than 50 fires in the last 24

months. This number is not trivial and does not include the many less severe fire incidents.

In addition to our fire suppression duties, the Fire Department provides many other services. Perhaps the wisest spent tax dollar in town is the fire department ambulance. Our firefighter EMTs will respond to homes or accident scenes, render lifesaving medical care, communicate with the emergency rooms and transport people to the hospital. The same two employees in the same vehicle also fight fires. They carry turn-out gear and breathing apparatus, and are a vital part of the firefighting operation. This is a true dual service.

The department has a very active technical rescue program. We respond to many

automobile entrapments, requests for water and ice rescues, and a host of other rescue calls.

The department has a hazardous material response capability. The entire department is trained to the haz-mat operational level.

Our fire prevention office is yet another service. One only has to look around the community at all the commercial and residential development to realize how important a role this office plays.

You should be praising this department for utilizing the same resources to provide multiple complex services, rather than trying to create controversy.

Albert DelDotto  
Deputy chief  
Andover Fire Department

## Resident: Budget series sheds light on 'crazy' spending as cuts occur

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Thank you for the article "Vehicles, gas part of job package for some." I was so angry about it. I decided to write in.

What a waste of money!

Since when are we responsible for supplying vehicles to all these people? They make big money for their positions. It is their responsibility to get to work like the rest of the community.

The take-home vehicles are called a perk. That's more than a perk; that's being treated like royalty.

I'm not against the town owning some vehicles, but surely they should not be the most expensive vehicles on the road. We must be spending a small fortune for insurance, gas and

the cost of these vehicles.

Also, town vehicles mean town-owned. They should stay in the town and have the town logo. If needed, these vehicles should have been small, economical vehicles.

We should be cutting back expenses with all these projects going on in the town. To waste tax dollars like this is crazy.

Buy the children at the new school a playground instead. What about the music program and other cut-backs?

Who wouldn't want to work in Andover with perks like this?

Town officials: Don't waste my tax dollars. This money could be better spent.

Robin LaBarre  
60 Brundrett Ave.

## It's clear: Fog lines slow drivers

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Several years ago Porter Road neighbors met with Jack Petkus, public works director, to discuss dangerous intersections and speeding traffic in the area.

Petkus suggested painting fog lines (white lines near the edge of the road) on Porter Road. When the fog lines went on, sure enough, they seemed to slow vehicle speeds.

Now we are certain of fog lines effectiveness because, this past summer, Porter Road was resurfaced. Before any lines were repainted traffic had speeded up, and we often heard screeching tires as cars maneuvered the unexpected slopes and turns. When the yellow middle stripe was painted on, it made a small difference. Now we look forward to the new (still-to-be-painted) white fog lines to again slow traffic.

Fog lines have many advantages. They tend to slow drivers by appearing to narrow the travel lane; they are safer and easier for nighttime driving and also for night walking; day and night they provide a safer place on the side of the road for walkers, bicycles and joggers. If the vehicle lanes were made even a bit narrower by painting the fog lines a little closer to the center line (just a foot or even a few inches, depending on the road measurements) these advantages would be more enhanced. Vehicle lanes would still be plenty wide enough.

I hope the Public Works Department tries it on Porter Road and perhaps some other newly resurfaced streets. This is a form of traffic calming without significant expense.

Margaret Pustell  
87 Porter Road

once every parent should be proud of. Those boys put in long and rough practices to play such a short season of just five games.

These boys deserve more credit than they get. The Andover Junior Football League to me is the most organized, exciting and well-run sport that Andover has had for the past 40 years.

My wish is for the players to always believe in themselves and never stop reaching for their goals. To them I say: Train hard, listen well and learn every time you accomplish what you try for. Don't give up, don't be hard on yourself and get right back up. As long as you do the best you can and play the game fair you'll always be winners!

Lori Kelley  
526 South Main St.

## Firefighting

### 'Ample' amounts are appropriate

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In light of your recent articles pertaining to the cost of public works in Andover, we thought our recent experience with the Andover Fire Department might be of interest.

Thus, find enclosed a copy of our letter of appreciation to Fire Chief Charles Murnane and the rest of his excellent department:

Dear Chief Murnane,

What a difference you have made in our lives.

Our home was hit by lightning on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 23, 2002. This started a fire in our garage, which spread to our family room, where our children were playing with our babysitter. The speed at which

you responded, coupled with your expertise at isolating and extinguishing the fire, taking care to minimize the structural and water damage to our home, was sensational.

Firefighters have received a lot of attention during the past year after their incredible and courageous actions on September 11, 2001. However, it was not until our own family and home was affected that we truly realized what a difference you make in people lives.

It is so comforting to know that Andover possesses such caring and courteous professionals and we hope that you continue to receive ample monetary support from the town of Andover for your major contribution to the safety of its citizens and the protection of its infrastructure.

Jonathan and Elizabeth Ross  
14 Pipers Glen

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Tuesday, November 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Little League is available to girls and boys who will be between the ages of 6 and 16 on July 31, 2003

If this is your child's first year in Little League, please bring a copy of his or her birth certificate. Otherwise, we will not be able to register your child.

Because so much of our planning occurs in November and December, registrations received after November 23, 2002 will be assessed a \$35.00 late fee.

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## OBITUARIES

## Alice E. MacKenzie

Longtime resident worked as a dental nurse

Alice E. "Betty" (Carmichael) (Whitcomb) MacKenzie, 82, a longtime resident of Andover, died Friday, Nov. 1 at her son's home in Brookline, N.H.

She was born in Andover, and worked as a dental nurse.

She was said to be a 'born-again believer' worshipping at Nashua Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Roger H. Whitcomb and William MacKenzie.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, George and Kathy Whitcomb of Brookline; a brother, James Carmichael of Andover; a sister, Helen Caldwell of Bradenton, Fla.; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

## M. Doris Storberg

Kennel owner, ran the Andover Dog Training School

M. Doris Storberg, 88, of Andover, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Lawrence General Hospital after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Born in Cambridge, she lived locally for over 70 years.

She grew up in Lawrence and graduated from St. Mary's High School.

She was the owner of Dorna Kennels in Andover for over 50 years, where she raised German shepherds, golden retrievers and mini poodles. She also ran the Andover Dog Training School for many years, and worked at Bolta Products in Lawrence as a telephone operator for 29 years.

Members of her family include her caretakers, Betty Bruner-Boutin and Peg Bruner-Chaisson; and many friends. She was pre-deceased by her

brother, Richard Storberg. All services were privately held.

## Constance R. Smyth

Services are Sunday

Constance R. Smyth, 85, of Largo, Fla. and formerly of Andover, died Friday, Aug. 9 at Largo Medical Center.

She was a librarian at Memorial Hall Library in Andover for 20 years; until retiring as the assistant director, in 1974.

She and her husband, Charles W. Smyth, were members of West Parish Church.

Burial will be Sunday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. at West Parish Cemetery.

## Eleanor P. Richardson

Former resident was active in Unitarian Universalist groups

Eleanor Pearson Richardson, 90, formerly of Andover and Westport Island, Maine, died Sunday, Nov. 3 at Penobscot Bay Medical Center, of leukemia.

She was a resident of The Homestead in Cushing, Maine.

She was born in Weymouth and attended Weymouth schools. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Tufts University in 1933.

During college, she worked summers at the old Samoset Hotel in Rockland, Maine, then after a brief career at the Quincy Telephone Co., she married Elford Hubbard Richardson.

Mr. Richardson's career as a civil engineer took the family from Westwood, to Hornell, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa. and Portland, Maine.

Mrs. Richardson was an instructor in hand-hooked rugs, and was accomplished in tray painting, knitting, needlepoint, and embroidery.

The Richardsons retired to a small coastal farm on Westport Island, Maine, where they raised animals, fruits, and vegetables. They were involved in the community and donated the land for the Westport community building and fire department.

The Richardsons were also founding members of the Unitarian Universalist Midcoast Fellowship in Edgecomb. Mr. Richardson died in 1996.

Eleanor P. Richardson was a resident at Marland Place, Andover, from September 1999 to June 2002, when she moved to Maine along with her son and daughter-in-law. She attended the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, where her son was minister for 10 years.

Members of her family include a sister, Dorothy Pearson, of Ormond Beach, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Peter Tufts and Eleanor Motley Richardson of Rockland, Maine and formerly of Andover; a daughter, Dorothy Ann Richardson of Glendale,

Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Rachel Richardson Zoller of Newcastle, Maine; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Richardson was pre-deceased by two sons, Elford Richardson Jr. in 1938 and David Thomas Richardson in 1980, both of cystic fibrosis.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. at the UU Fellowship, in the Edgecomb Town Hall with the Rev. David Cole officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, or the Midcoast UU Fellowship.

Arrangements are by the Burpee-Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home.

## John J. Hewitt Jr.

Andover realtor

John J. "Jack" Hewitt Jr., 57, of Andover, died Sunday, Nov. 3, at Portsmouth Hospital in Portsmouth, N.H.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Hewitt was a longtime realtor in Andover and worked with Prudential Howe & Doherty Realty.

He was a member of St. Augustine Church.

Family members said he enjoyed fishing, kayaking and spending time at his cottage in Rye Beach, N.H. and his favorite pastime was spending time with his family, particularly his granddaughter, Abigail.

Mr. Hewitt graduated from St. John's Preparatory School in 1963 and Villanova University in 1967. He was a member of the Multiple Listing Service for more than 30 years, where he served as president for one term.

He also served in the Massachusetts National Guard.

Members of his family include his partner, Amy Bernardin of Andover; daughter, Amy E. and her husband, Anders Vikstrom, of Bedford, N.H.; a son, Mark E. Hewitt of Boston; a sister, Mary Ann Wheelan of Chicago, Ill.; one granddaughter; and two nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Calling hours are Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. A funeral Mass will be today, Thursday, Nov. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. A reception will follow at the Andover Inn. Cremation will take place in Linwood Crematory.

Michael J. Bailey, 42, of Andover and formerly of Bradford, died Friday, Nov. 1 at home, of complications arising from a motorcycle accident in 1996.

Born in Haverhill, he attended Haverhill schools and gradu-

ated in 1978 from Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School. In high school he played varsity basketball and was co-captain of Whittier's championship football team.

Mr. Bailey served two years in the Marine Corps, stationed in the Philippines at Subic Bay.

He had been employed at AT&T, now Lucent Technologies, Inc., in North Andover, for over 18 years. He toured with his motorcycle throughout the New England states.

Members of his family include his mother, Maureen P. (Mitchell) Bailey of Andover; his father, Charles M. "Biff" Bailey of Haverhill; a sister, Noreen P. Bailey of Bradford; a brother, Charles M. Bailey Jr. of Bradford; children, Dylan and Madison Bailey of Haverhill, and Yvonne Bailey of Northwood, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours. Arrangements were by the C. Frank Linnehan and Son Bradford Funeral Home, 52 Salem St., Bradford.

## DEATHS

Michael John Bailey, 42  
Dipali Brahma, 82  
Lawrence M. Corliss Sr., 65  
Dorothy V. Doherty, 82  
Gertrude E. Fouhy, 94  
Carmen P. Grillo, 84  
John E. Haggerty, 84  
John J. "Jack" Hewitt Jr., 57  
Robert E. Lane, 83  
Alice E. MacKenzie, 82  
Edward R. Morrison, 88  
Eleanor P. Richardson, 90  
Constance R. Smyth, 85  
M. Doris Storberg, 88  
Manuel Vasilakis, 89

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

**CORLISS** - Lawrence Merrill Corliss Sr., 65, of Kingston, N.H., died Friday, Nov. 1 at Concord Hospital, Concord, N.H. Mr. Corliss was employed as an electronics technician at Raytheon in Andover for 36 years.

**FOUHY** - Gertrude E. (Casey) Fouhy, 94, of Lawrence, died at Prescott House Nursing Home on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Members of her family include her niece, Bernadine Casey Coburn of Andover.

**GRILLO** - Carmen P. Grillo, 84, of Haverhill, died Friday, Nov. 1 at Merrimack Valley Hospital. Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Dr. Richard Faraci of Andover and a brother, Henry Grillo, also of Andover.

**VASILAKIS** - Manuel Vasilakis, 89, of the Bradford section of Haverhill, died Thursday, Oct. 31 at Lawrence General Hospital. Members of his family include his daughter, Janet E. and husband Dem Gushov of Andover.

be made to the American Diabetes Association, Massachusetts-Memorial Processing Center, P.O. Box 31160, Hartford, CT 06150-1160.

There were no calling hours and burial was private. Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

## Edward R. Morrison

Retired from Lawrence School Department

Edward R. Morrison, 88, of Andover, died Monday, Nov. 4 at his daughter's home.

Mr. Morrison worked for Tyer Rubber Co. and later for the Lawrence School Department until retiring in 1980.

He was born in Lawrence.

During World War II, Mr. Morrison served in the Navy. Before that, he served in the Merchant Marines.

He was the widower of Rachel (Coyle) Morrison.

Members of his family include his daughter, Sandra B. Morrison of Andover; two granddaughters; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immigrant City Archives Inc., 6 Essex St., Lawrence, MA 01840.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Nov. 7 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. A funeral service will be tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery.

## John E. Haggerty

Punchard grad was retired general

US Army retired general John E. Haggerty, 84, of Grafton, died Sunday, Nov. 3 at home after an illness.

He was born in Reading and was a graduate of Punchard High School in Andover. He also graduated from the University of Maryland, and he earned a law degree at Suffolk University in Boston.

General Haggerty resided in several areas in the US and Europe and moved to Grafton in 1979 after retiring. He retired from the Army in 1977 as a Brigadier General after 36 years of service. His assignments included executive officer at two Army hospitals and the U.S. Army Medical Research & Development Command.

Staff duty assignments were numerous and included The Army General Staff, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, and the staff of the Surgeon US Army-Europe.

In 1973, he was appointed chief of the Medical Service Corps and also the director of Resources Management for the Office of the Surgeon General. During his military wartime service, he was decorated with several medals including the Distinguished Service Medal.

After retiring, he was the administrator of the New England Primate Research Center at Harvard University. In 1978, he was awarded the Ray E. Brown Award by the Association of Military Surgeons for outstanding accomplishment in federal health care management.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church and was active in many civic and military affairs and observances throughout the area.

Members of his family include his wife of 57 years, Elizabeth P. (Hammond) Haggerty; five sons, John E. Haggerty Jr. and William and Julie Haggerty all of Seattle Wash., Thomas and Elizabeth Haggerty of Florence Ala., David B. Haggerty of Arlington, Va. and Richard K. Haggerty of White Plains, N.Y.; four grandsons; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, William, James and Franklin Haggerty.

The funeral Mass will be said Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 17 Waterville St. (Rte. 30), North Grafton.

Burial with full military honors will be Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

There are no calling hours. The family will receive people at the church after the funeral Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to UMass Memorial Hospice, 650 Lincoln St., Worcester, MA 01605.

Arrangements are by The Robert C. Roney Funeral Home, 152 Worcester St. North Grafton.

## Robert E. Lane

Phillips Academy professor emeritus

Robert E. Lane, 83 of Hanover, N.H., died Sunday, Oct. 27 at home following a long illness.

He had been a professor emeritus of classics and Russian at Phillips Academy.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Trustees of Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover, 01810.

## OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

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# Townspeople

## TOWN TALK

### Champion of reading aloud

Jim Trelease, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Read Aloud Handbook*, spoke to parents and students at Wood Hill Middle School on Tuesday night. Trelease emphasizes reading aloud to children even after they have begun to read on their own, because a child can understand words spoken to them before they can read them.



Jim Trelease

"The listening vocabulary comes before writing or even speaking vocabulary," said Trelease. Stressing vocabulary, Trelease says that children who come to school knowing the most words have an advantage.

Trelease believes that fathers watching sports constantly on television can lead to boys lagging behind in school and eventually a lower male college enrollment.

"Kids are inundated (by sports). And I'm not anti-sport," said Trelease. The University of Massachusetts Amherst graduate was a sports announcer for that school's radio station in the early 1960s and went on to write for the *Springfield Union-News*.

— Ben Hellman

### Women veterans honored by Red Cross

Three Andover women were recognized this week at the annual Red Cross Salute to Veterans Breakfast.

June Fitzgerald, Thelma Sodnowski, and Susan Ratyna, all of Andover, were honored Monday at the event held at the Wyndham Hotel.

### Walking tall in Andover

The final numbers have just been tallied and Andover comes out on top for its high participation in the Hike for Hope, a 5-mile hike through Andover to benefit Lazarus House Ministries.

It was held Sept. 15 and organizers report there were 1,400 walkers. Forty percent of them were from Andover. That's 560 Andover walkers who contributed pledge money to the cause. The total raised was about \$172,000 for Lazarus House.

"That's a tremendous turnout," said Tim Karcz of Lazarus House Ministries. "Andover is a big part of the amazing support we got."

He said the money raised will be used for a transitional housing project in Lawrence.

This marked the third year for the walkathon and there will be another one next fall. The starting point will be Merrimack College and walkers will once again hike to downtown Andover. Karcz said the date has not yet been set.

— Judy Wakefield

### Time for a Taste

The Andover Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring its annual fall Taste of Andover event for local business owners in Andover and townspeople.

Scheduled for tonight, Thursday, from 6 to 8 in Old Town Hall on Main Street, Taste of Andover is an opportunity to sample hors d'oeuvres, delicacies, rich desserts and other menu items from 14 local restaurants and food-service facilities, while relaxing and socializing with local business people, town officials, and neighbors.

Those who attend will enjoy sampling specialties from the following facilities: Andover Country Club, Lanam Club, Andover Inn, Palmer's Restaurant, Andover Wyndham Hotel, Pasta Villaggio, Bistro Cassis, Raspberries, Glory, Sweet Mimi's, Vincenzo's, Indian Ridge Country Club and Wild Oats.

As with last year, just 400 tickets, at \$20 each, are being sold by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce (978-686-0900). Only a few tickets to the event were available Wednesday morning, and a complete sell-out was expected by presstime.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

The proceeds will benefit the Andover Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund.

Many of downtown Andover's businesses will remain open until 8 tonight, in celebration of the event.

## Wait a minute, Mr. Postman

John Gaudet calls it a career after 41 years with the Post Office

By Ben Hellman

IN THE LAST TWO hours of his 41 years as an Andover Post Office clerk, John Gaudet said goodbye to customers who have become like family.

"Forty-one years, five months. I don't think anyone's ever going to beat that," said Gaudet. Following years in both Shawsheen and a former office on North Main Street, Gaudet has spent the last 18 years at the Ballardvale Post Office.

Gaudet showed off the small, one-room office he's worked in for the last 18 years. "This is the old home," he said. There are no windows to the outside and Gaudet only got an air conditioner this year. "I hate to leave it now," he said.

Almost every customer had a hug, handshake or congratulatory message for Gaudet. The women got sentimental, the men were playful and joking. The vital, 66-year-old Andover native matched every ounce of good will sent his way, sending loyal customers out smiling for the last time.

"Four-two-one-five, you remember that," shouted Ralph Millen through his post office box. The number is his PO box, which Gaudet knows well.

"He's my worst customer," Gaudet joked. Millen said he'd known Gaudet for as long as Gaudet had worked there. "It'll be different without you, John," said Millen.

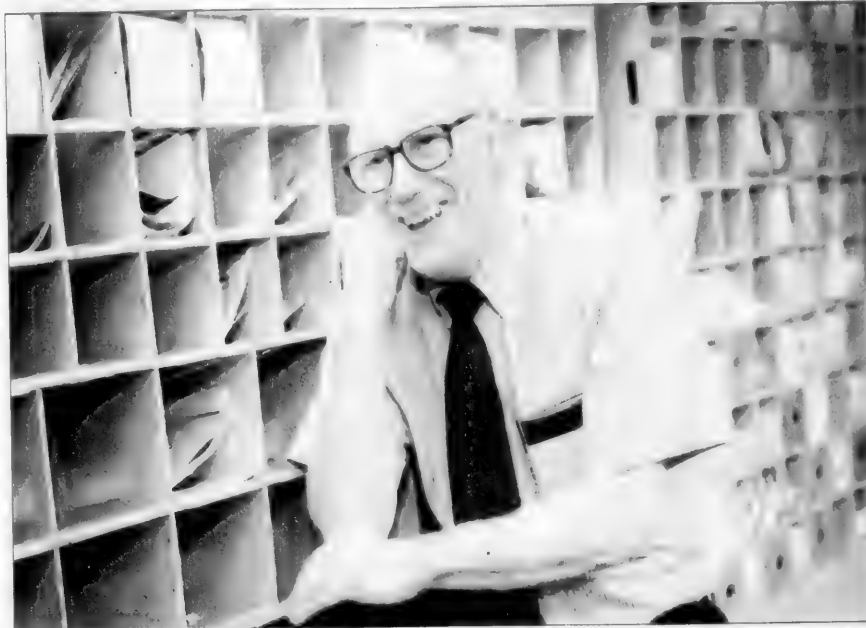
When Gaudet stepped into the lobby to say goodbye he got a hug from another customer, Susan Ingram. "I'll run into you. I'll bring by my baby," said Ingram.

"He does nice things," she said. Ingram says that Gaudet has rewrapped packages when she didn't have them packed properly so she didn't have to run back home to do it.

From the goodbye gifts and the numerous "Go get 'ems!" it's not hard to tell that Gaudet will be missed.

"There are people I've seen every day for 20 years. I know what kind of cars they drive. I know when they're pulling in. I'll bring their mail out to them so they don't have to open their PO boxes," said Gaudet.

Looking back on 41



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

A divine retirement is in sight for local postal clerk John Gaudet, who retired Friday after 41 years, with the last 18 at the Ballardvale branch (bottom photo). Below, customer Debbie Sutton wishes him well.

years in the Andover PO, Gaudet has no regrets. It is testament to his feeling for the job that his sons, Steven and Paul, became Andover mail carriers. Steven still works for the Andover Post Office. "I'm very proud of this company. It's the best company in the world," said John Gaudet.

A religious man, Gaudet sees a divine plan at work. A first marriage ending in divorce reunited him with his childhood sweetheart, now his wife, Jacqueline Gaudet. They lived across the street from each other growing up on Rattlesnake Hill Road and they live there today. "We were meant to be together and we are, and I was meant to be at this Post Office for 40 years and I was," he said.

A lifelong postal clerk, Gaudet still marvels at the Post Office's size. "I don't think our minds can even grasp the



size of this company. We have more vehicles than the military," he said. Andover has 50 mail trucks. Gaudet thinks that a big city like Boston or San Francisco could have thousands. "I wonder how many dollars I've taken in stamps — incredible," he said.

Gaudet remembers the days before postage machines and self-adhesive stamps. "For the first few years I licked stamps for packages at Christmas. My tongue was sore by the end of the day.

That's a whole lot of licking," he said.

Job security was one postal perk that Gaudet boasted of. "You can't strike against them and they can't lay you off. This job is mine until I give it up. As long as I can do the work I can be here until I'm 104," he said. "Up till 5 o'clock I can change my mind (and not retire) and that's another beautiful thing. It's a lot to think about." After that, "There's no coming back," said Gaudet. Once he retires,

Post Office rules prohibit Gaudet from ever returning on any basis. Gaudet said a divorce can be undone, but not a Post Office retirement.

But Gaudet has the rest of his life to live, and he's ready.

"There is life outside of the Post Office and I'm going to learn that front line," he said. He plows driveways in the winter and looks forward to Christmas shopping, an activity denied him by heavy holiday mail for the last four decades. "The Lord led me out of here and I feel good about it," he said.

### Poetic commemoration

Friend and poet Mark Schorr wrote a poem commemorating John Gaudet's retirement, "Plowman's Last Day at the Ballardvale P.O." The poem will be posted at the Stevens Street Post office and on the Web at <www.frostfoundation.org/gaudet>.

"For the first few years I licked stamps for packages at Christmas. My tongue was sore by the end of the day. That's a whole lot of licking."

JOHN GAUDET, ANDOVER POST OFFICE CLERK, WHO RETIRED LAST FRIDAY AFTER 41 YEARS



## FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center:

**Newcomers' Informational Coffee:** Anyone looking for more information about classes, programs, trip, cultural events,

intergenerational opportunities, or volunteer possibilities is invited to drop by our next informational coffee on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

**Digital Photography Class:** The center will offer a two-session digital photography class Wednesday, Nov. 13 and 20 at 2

p.m. Cost is \$15, and pre-registration is required. A curriculum outline is available at the center for any camera buffs who might be interested in learning more.

**Creative Cooking:** Ed Alessi will be back with us Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m. to mix up another delicious and creative menu. This month will feature Mediterranean cuisine. The cost of this fun class is \$6, which includes lunch at the end of class. Seating is limited, so give us a call if you'd like to join in.

**A New Look At Alzheimer's Disease:** The community is invited to join us Monday evening, Nov. 18 at 7 for an interactive lecture by Dr. Janice Funk, a clinical neuropsychologist with more than 15 years of experience in the diagnosis and treatment of dementia and behavioral disorders. Funk's lecture will focus on the most up-to-date medical and environmental interventions available for the treatment of Alzheimer's and other cognitive impairments.

Call the center at 978-623-8321 to register.

**Fix-It Shop:** Our fix-it volunteers will be onsite again Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. They will take a look at any small appliance or household item in need of repair.

**Parkinson's Support Group:** The center's Parkinson's support group will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. Newcomers are most welcome. Call Kristine at 978-623-8321.

**Men's Breakfast:** The monthly men's breakfast will take place on Friday, Nov. 15 at 8:30 a.m. After breakfast speakers will be three recently published authors, Bernie Ryder, Mary Arakelian and Ray Potvin. The authors will talk about their work and will also do a book signing for those who are interested. Reservations are \$3, and may be made by calling the center.

**Brown Bag Lecture:** Continued on page 19



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Tom Boutureia (left) talks to AHS student Pat Barry at the senior center. Spanish students at Andover High listened to the stories of seniors during a Day of the Dead event. Story, more photos: page 11.

### Psychiatrist at AARP Nov. 12

DR. HENRY C. EVERETT, who wrote *From Adversity to Invincibility*, will speak at the Nov. 12 meeting of AARP at the Senior Center, Whittier Court.

Everett is described by organizers as a true visionary in the world of social relations and mental health. How we think will determine how we get along in the social world, he says. Changing how we think can improve our lives. It can make us — or break us.

The free talk is part of the regular North Andover-

Andover chapter meeting, always held on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

There is always a short business meeting followed by refreshments, giving attendees to opportunity to socialize with new and old friends, before adjourning to the monthly speaking program. Guests are welcome at the meeting.

From September through June the chapter offers a variety of programs, organizers said.



## WHAT'S UP

# SATs interrupt planning for peace rally

■ EVAN GREER

(Continued from page 1)

This was not surprising, since my right hand had been shaking uncontrollably for about three hours, ever since I first shook hands with one of my favorite historians and orators, Professor Howard Zinn. My left hand wasn't doing so well either, since it had recently nudged the arm of actor Tim Robbins, letting him know that his speaking time was up, and minutes ago had rested around the shoulders of Green Party gubernatorial candidate Jill Stein. I'll admit it — I was star-struck.

In the time that it took for my guitar pick to fall from my celebrity-stricken fingers to the ground below, my mind rushed through the bizarre train of events that had led me to this moment.

It all started back in September around the dinner table. I clearly recall the expression on my parents' faces when I broke out my mashed-potatoed-up father with the words, "Well, I've decided to organize a peace rally."

My father arched his eyebrow in that "you have no idea what you're getting into" manner that only fathers are capable of. My mother wrinkled her face in

that "AHH! This will prevent you from getting into college!" way that only mothers are capable of. I went back to my mashed potatoes.

It started slowly. I called friends and spoke with my peers at the Cambridge School of Weston, as well as friends from the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover. I founded the Peace Now! Organization on Sept. 23 by declaring its existence to an enormous crowd consisting of my parents, a friend, and my dog.

Everywhere I turned I found passionate people ready to help, but I had no idea what to ask them to help with. Acting on a whim, I did what every manager in a fix does: make committees. My followers were quickly divided into committees with responsibilities like publicity, media relations, speakers and programming, and first aid. All these committees constantly reported back to me, making checking e-mail a task that required at least an hour a night. I started spending unreasonable amounts of time sending formatted letters to major peace organizations asking for endorsements and contacting seemingly unreachable celebrities, asking them to make appearances. By mid-October, I

thought I was ready to facilitate a small peace rally on Boston Common, the date set for Nov. 3.

That was when I heard about United for Justice With Peace. Erin Stephens-North, a high school junior formerly of Andover who was instrumental in the organizing of this rally, brought my attention to a flyer for a rally being held on the same day as ours, sponsored by United for Justice With Peace. Ironically, when I got home that day, there was an e-mail in my in-box from a UJP representative, asking me to come to a planning meeting that night. To make a long and complex story short, Peace Now! joined forces with United for Justice With Peace, and working together, we planned the Nov. 3 demonstration.

UJP had a late start in the organizing of this rally, and they were grateful for the work that I had already done in getting the word out and contacting speakers. In turn, I was grateful to work with a group of people who had done this before, and weren't taking shots in the dark as I had been. I realized then, as I heard these seasoned veterans of peace action bring up issues that I had never

thought of — march routes, lawyers, electricity — that my father's expression had been correct: I had no idea what I had gotten myself into.

The sharp metallic grating of my guitar strings on my palm brought me hurtling back to the present as I took stock of the situation: my guitar pick was on the ground, the crowd was cheering like crazy, and I had one verse to go. I quickly adjusted, moving the guitar closer to the mic, and went straight into my harmonica solo, strumming as hard as my frozen fingers would allow. 30 seconds later I was putting my guitar aside with one hand and throwing a triumphant peace sign to the crowd with the other.

Growing up in Andover, where lawn signs grow like hedges and politics are a constant topic of discussion, I've had ample opportunity to form my own opinions about everything from firefighters' unions to, of course, the prospect of war in Iraq. What I found, however, is that Andover is a place that admires initiative in its youth, regardless of politics. Everyone from my less-than-leftist kindergarten friend to my thoughtful hairdresser showed up at the

common to show their support for what I had accomplished. Nostalgia for a lost era of music, marches and "make love, not war" seems to be stronger than political ties, and my teacher graciously excused me from class when my cell phone rang and displayed the number for Jill Stein or one of my fellow organizers.

During the past several months, I have frequently been accused of being unpatriotic. If anything, the organizing of this rally only reinforced my strong love of our wonderful country. Only in America can we dissent so strongly against the views of our government, and then have the president thank us for exercising our first amendment. Only here can one person, regardless of age or import, start a movement that results in a front-page spread in a Boston newspaper.

My mother remembers particularly fondly last Saturday morning, when she answered the phone and found herself speaking to Jill Stein's campaign manager.

"Hello, this is Adam from the Jill Stein for Governor Campaign, is Evan in?"

"No, he's taking the SATs this morning."

"What?!"

They had no idea that I was only 17.

## WEDDINGS

### Valin-Simko

Kara Lynn Simko of Andover and Steven Paul Valin of Lexington were married Nov. 3, 2001 at Cityview Ballroom at the World Trade Center in Boston.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Simko of Andover. She is a graduate of Salem State College and is currently employed at Andover Optical.

The groom is the son of Jean and Dr. Robert Valin of Lexington. He is a graduate of Boston College and is employed at Charles River Development in Burlington.

After a honeymoon trip to San Francisco, Calif., the couple live in Burlington.



Steven and Kara Valin

### Begg-Gardhouse

F. Caroline Gardhouse and Eric A. Begg were married Oct. 6, 2001 at Our Lady of Sorrows in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where the Rev. Msgr. Mariano Polito celebrated the nuptial Mass.

The bride is the daughter of Charline Gardhouse of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and the late Judge George W. Gardhouse. She is a graduate of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. She is currently manager of IT consulting at KPMG Consulting.

The groom is the son of Virginia Begg and the late Charles F. Begg of Andover. He is a graduate of St. John's Prep and Villanova University. He is employed at Cisco Systems as an IT consultant.

After a honeymoon in Paris, the couple live Ashburn, Va.



Caroline and Eric Begg

### McNamara-Silva

Ana Virginia Silva and Scott John McNamara were married July 18 at Braintree Village in Braintree, with Roger Whitcomb officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Joao Paulo E. Dulcinete Silva of Recife, Brazil. Her maid of honor was Cheryl A. Haydon of Mendham, N.J.

The groom is the son of Walter and Arlene McNamara of Andover. The best man was Simon Majahad of Newburyport.

The bride is a graduate of human sciences at Olinda University in Brazil.

The groom is a graduate of Andover High School and of the University of Lowell with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed as an engineering supervisor with Helix Corp. in Mansfield.

A reception followed the ceremony at Raffael's in Quincy. The couple celebrated their wedding with a honeymoon on Cape Cod. They live in Attleboro.



Scott and Ana McNamara

### Gibson-Wood

First Parish Congregational Church UCC in Yarmouth, Maine, was the setting for the June 29 wedding of Julie C. Wood and Jeremy L. Gibson. Reverend Lorain Giles officiated. A reception followed at The Portland Club in Portland, Maine.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Mary Wood of Yarmouth, Maine.

The groom is the son of William and Martha Gibson of Andover.

The maid of honor was Erica L. Fitzmorris. Bridesmaids were Holly Grochmal, Jodi Smith, Melissa Murphy, Sarah Smith, Heather Vonasek, and Elizabeth Kevin Flower girls were Holly and Megan Grochmal.

The best man was Matthew

Gibson, brother of the groom. Ushers were Benjamin Gibson and Michael Gibson, brothers of the groom, Nicholas Wood, brother of the bride, and Paul Hirst, Jeffrey d'Entremont, and Peter Gribben.

The bride graduated from Yarmouth High School in Yarmouth, Maine. She received her BA from Colby College and an MS in occupational therapy from Tufts University. She is employed as a therapist at Harbor Area Early Intervention in Boston.

The groom graduated from Conestoga High School in Berwyn, Pa. He received an AB from Bowdoin College and a master's degree from Harvard University.

He is assistant athletic director at Harvard University.

After a honeymoon in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson live in Reading.



Jeremy and Julie Gibson

### Senykoff-Magee

Holly Magee and Ron Senykoff were married June 30 at St. Augustine Church in Andover, by Deacon John Capomaccio.

The bride is the daughter of John and Geraldine Magee of Andover, and was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Elisa Derby and bridesmaids were Jennifer Chalfin, Fran Conlin and Bethany Mull.

The bride is a public relations and advertising coordinator at Jet Aviation International Inc. in West Palm Beach, Fla.

She graduated from Andover High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and a master's degree from Emerson College.



Holly and Ron Senykoff

The groom is the son of Ronald and Judy Senykoff of Nairobi, Kenya. Best man was Nicholas Efstathiou and ushers were John Magee, Juan Rivera-Novoa and Alex Smith.

The groom is a programmer/analyst at B/E Aerospace in Miami, Fla.

He graduated from the International School of Islamabad in Islamabad, Pakistan and from Florida Atlantic University with a bachelor's degree.

Following the reception at Sheraton Lexington Inn, the couple left for Ireland on their honeymoon.

They live in Delray Beach, Fla.

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## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

The Collins Center management class at Andover High School and the AHS Parent Advisory Council will host the Bo Winiker Orchestra at the Collins Center at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 8.

The band will feature a "History of Jazz" program and a 50-year "Retrospective of American Music."

A complimentary dessert buffet will be offered between 7 and 8 p.m. in the AHS cafeteria.

Tickets (\$25 per person, general admission) are available at Strawberry Tree; or by calling Diane Costagliola at 978-470-0942, or Stefani Goldsheim at 978-470-3140.

Proceeds from this benefit concert will support the many clubs, organizations, and non-athletic activities at Andover High.

The Andona Society's 50th annual charity ball will be held this Saturday, Nov. 9, at Andover Country Club.

This year's theme, "After All These Years," celebrates the half-century Andona has supported the youth of Andover.

The ball will begin at 7 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served at 8. Music will be provided throughout the evening by Madhouse, an eight-piece "Rockin' Soul Rhythm Revue."

The Andona Society invites the community to attend. Tickets for the ball are available for \$150 per couple or \$75 per person. Donations are gladly accepted, organizers said.

Proceeds benefit more than 40 Andover youth programs, scholarships and services.

Contact Diana Berthiaume at 978-470-0215; for ticket reservations, contact Joanne Heim at 978-975-1193.

On Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m., Professor Egon Mayer, a sociologist and director of the Center for Jewish Studies of the Graduate School of the City University of New York, will speak at Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

Organizers said Mayer is a widely sought-after and engaging lecturer and author of major studies on Jewish intermarriage. The topic of Mayer's talk will be "Love and Tradition: Marriage between Jew and Christians."

In October, the New Jewish Population Study was released. Already heated debate has begun in an attempt to interpret the statistics regarding the rate of intermarriage and its meaning to the Jewish community. Mayer has always maintained a positive approach, promoting outreach and other efforts to bring unaffiliated and intermarried families into the community.

Mayer's lecture is sponsored by the Thayer and Bernice Warshaw Distinguished Visitors Fund. All are welcome.

There will be a free session of interview-skills training next Thursday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover.

This free training is sponsored by the Merrimack Toastmasters Club.

For more information, contact Bill Cashman at 978-475-0721.

Cub Scout Pack 76 is looking for a few good tigers. The pack is holding a Tiger den meeting and registration night for first-grade boys in the south Andover area tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 8, 7-8 p.m., South School cafeteria. Join the Pack and have fun at the overnight on the USS Salem, build pinewood derby cars, have family campouts, pizza and swim parties, and various den activities geared for first-grade boys. "We can accommodate all schedules," organizers said. Contact Inga

Fuerst at 470-8089 for further information.

On Thursday, Oct. 31, Cub Scout Pack 73 presented Bancroft Elementary School Principal Scott Morrison with a flag that was flown over the US Capitol building.

The boys in the pack individually raised the money needed to purchase this special flag for their school.

In a presentation ceremony, Cubmaster David Schuh presented Morrison with a document certifying that the "flag was flown over the US Capitol on Sept. 6, 2002, at the request of the Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, US Senator."

The flag now flies over Bancroft, where the Cub Scouts raise and lower it each day. In pack meetings, scouts practiced proper flag raising, lowering, and folding in preparation for the arrival of their new flag.

Pack 73 will meet next Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at West Middle School for high-tech take-apart night. They will use tools to unscrew electronic gadgets so they can open them



Brownie Girl Scout Troop 854 (above) volunteered at Lazarus House Transitional Living Center in Lawrence for their Oct. 22 meeting. Kelly Townsend, volunteer coordinator for Lazarus House, welcomed the girls and assisted in baking the cookies (such as the unidentified girl, below right). The 14 third-graders from High Plain Elementary and West Elementary baked and decorated Halloween cookies with spider webs, candy corn and orange and black sprinkles. In addition, the girls filled and donated Halloween candy bags. The cookies and candy bags will be enjoyed by the residents of Lazarus House, adults and children alike.

up and see how they work.

Pack 73 boys and anyone interested in joining the pack are invited. Call Cubmaster David Schuh at 978-475-8459.

## FOR SENIORS

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

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Peabody Essex Museum and Its Collections, a slide show and lecture on this gem of a museum, will be presented Wednesday, Nov. 20 at noon. Reservations (\$2) are appreciated.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m., *Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken*, a feel-good film about the inspiring true-life story of Sonora Webster will be shown.

Thanksgiving Dinner: The senior center will host a Thanksgiving dinner for Andover residents Sunday, Nov. 24 at noon. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the center until Nov. 18.

The Andover Garden Club announced that its November program will feature landscape architect, lecturer, and author Leonard Philips hosting a slide lecture entitled "Your Garden in Winter" and discussing horticultural and design features that enhance a garden's appearance through the winter months.

As part of the club's community outreach program, the program will be offered free of charge to the public.

The event will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Memorial Hall Library. Coffee will be served from 10 to 10:30 a.m., followed by the program. Note that parking is limited at the library, so carpooling is advised, organizers said.

The funds to pay for this public lecture come from last year's



Homes for the Holidays house tour.

The next free lecture, which will have a floral-design and holiday theme, is scheduled to be held the first week in December.

## NUTCRACKER SECTION

Calling all Nutcracker kids! The *Townsmen* will publish a listing of local students who are performing in *The Nutcracker* on Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Holiday Gift Guide. Parents or dance instructors who would like to provide write-ups and photos for this story must submit them to the *Townsmen*, Attn: Nutcracker, by noon on Thursday, Nov. 14.

### INNER PEACE

ILLUSTRATION BY J. PARKER

This Saturday evening, SouthWinds service at South Church features two contrasting themes. The Rev. Kathy Musser, associate minister at the Wellesley Congregational Church, will be the guest speaker on the worship theme "High Anxiety," a reflection on finding inner peace in troubled times. SouthWinds also welcomes the Cambridge Madrigal Singers to the service as the musical guests. In its 22nd season, the Cambridge Madrigal Singers, based in Cambridge, have performed the greater Boston area, as well as in music festivals throughout Canada, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. Featuring music from medieval times through the 20th Century, the group has been directed by Dr. Raymond Farmer since 1988. SouthWinds services are held every other Saturday evening at 5 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St.

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## MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

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## CULTURAL EVENTS

All events are free.

## ORCHID MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

The Massachusetts Orchid Society educational exhibit is an informative, and visually compelling introduction to this fascinating family of plants. The display presents six topics: What Is An Orchid?; Orchid Culture: Home Grown (growing at home); Wild Orchids In Greater Boston; Conservation; and the Orchid Society (an introduction to the Massachusetts Orchid Society).

The award-winning display, funded through the efforts of the Massachusetts Orchid Society, will be located by the Library's Circulation Desk, main floor, for the month of November.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 9:30 a.m.

## GROWING ORCHIDS IN YOUR HOME

As part of the month-long series, Andover resident Marty Epstein will present a slide program Saturday, Nov. 23 at 9:30 a.m. "Growing orchids in your home."

Epstein has been growing orchids for more than 30 years. One plant led to another, and before long they had hundreds of orchids growing in their greenhouse.

Epstein and his wife, Marcia, are members of the American Orchid Society, the New Hampshire Orchid Society, and the Massachusetts Orchid Society. They have made numerous trips to Central and South America, Mexico, the Caribbean islands, and Africa to see orchids growing in their native environment, and to add plants to their collection.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## BOOK SIGNING BY LESLIE NOYMER: Nikki Banner and the Search for the Lost Planet

Andover resident Leslie Noymer will be at Memorial Hall Library, for a book-signing event.

Noymer writes under the pen name Miller Burrows. A native of Merrick, N.Y., Noymer is a graduate of the State University of New York at Cortland. She also obtained a masters in education from Boston University.

Noymer enjoys volunteer work in the Andover Public Schools and has presented a workshop at Sanborn Elementary School's first writers conference, "On the 'Write' Track".

She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. Copies of *Nikki Banner and the Search for the Lost Planet* will be available at the book signing. Copies are also available at Memorial Hall Library and the Andover Bookstore.

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## NOVEMBER BOOK SALE

Friends of the Library November Book Sale will be held:

- Friday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 17, 1-4 p.m.

Hard cover books are \$2, paperbacks cost \$1. There are many adult and children's books. Come in and do your holiday shopping.

## MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m.

FLUSH, Virginia Woolf

## GREAT BOOKS

Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

REPUBLIC: Excerpts on Education, Plato

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Many of the designs in the clothing and background are inspired by oriental carpets as well as medieval and Renaissance paintings and designs.

## BIRTHS

**BERTETTI** - Macallan Blakely Bertetti was born Sept. 29 at Christiana Hospital in Newark, Del. His parents are Karen Elizabeth (Dietz) and Scott P. Bertetti. His grandparents are David and Sandra Bertetti of Andover and the late Betty and Peter Dietz of Tacoma, Wash. Great-grandparents are Elizabeth B. Metcalf of Auburn, N.Y., Mary P. Bertetti of Gillespie, Ill. and Dorothy B. Candee of Watertown, Conn. Macallan joins Duncan Dietz Bertetti, 2.

**COLBURN** - A son, Benjamin Robert Colburn, to Robert and Jacki (Pelrine) Colburn of Atkinson, N.H. Benjamin was born Sept. 21. Grandmothers are Doris Pelrine of Andover and Ann Colburn of Woodbury, Conn. His grandfathers are the late Robert J. Pelrine and the late Robert L. Colburn.

**DEVANEY** - Matthew Richard Devaney was born Sept. 24 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. He is the son of Lara (Alden) and Richard James Devaney of Andover. Grandparents are Robert and Sarah Devaney of Chelmsford and Rosemary Alden of Warren, R.I. Matthew joins Robert, Thomas and Katherine.

**FROBURG** - Nathan Andrew Froburg was born Sept. 22 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua, N.H. to David Froburg and Erica Pietsch. Grandparents are Frank and Donelda Froburg of Andover and Margie Faulkner of Connecticut and the late David Faulkner. Great-grandmother is Mary Froburg, also of Andover.

**LAWRENCE** - Nicole Louise Lawrence was born Sept. 25 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. Her parents are Don and Ann (Larsen) Lawrence of Westford. She is the first granddaughter of Larry and Nancy Larsen of

Andover, and Pat Lawrence of Littleton. Great-grandmother is Eloise Larsen of North Andover. Nicole joins her two brothers, Donnie and Joey.

Nicole will be baptized at South Church in Andover on Nov. 10.

**LYONS** - Kate Frances Lyons was born July 25 at Winchester Hospital. She is the daughter of Caroline Faircloth and John F. Lyons III of York Street. Grandparents are John F. Lyons Jr. of North Andover, Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Faircloth, and Ruby E. Irwin, all of West Palm Beach, Fla. Kate joins Anne, 5 and Grace, 2.

**MACDONALD** - Kaitlin Margaret MacDonald was born Oct. 2 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. She is the daughter of Jennifer (Panas) and Francis J. (Chip) MacDonald Jr. of 8 Garfield Lane West. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. MacDonald of Hampton, N.H. and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Panas of Malvern, Pa. Kaitlin joins Daniel, 5.

**PRAY** - MacKenzie Anne Pray was born Oct. 3 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. She is the daughter of Catherine (Fairbanks) and Charles Tobin Pray of 55 High St. Grandparents are Marylou and Jan Halla of Freeport, Maine, Marylou and Millard Pray of Raymond, Maine, and Carol and Robert Fairbanks of Whiting, N.J. MacKenzie joins Jacob.

**SHAW** - Tatum Yesmeen Shaw was born Oct. 14 at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen. She is the daughter of Zahia Kattar-Shaw and David Shaw of 33 Shaw-sheen Road. Grandparents are John and Judy Shaw and Peter and Suzanne Kattar, all of Andover. Great-grandmother is Carmel Desrosiers of Windham, N.H. Tatum joins David II.

**NOVEMBER FIRST BIRTHDAY PHOTOS & WRITE-UPS ARE DUE FRIDAY, NOV. 22 AT 5 P.M.**



Brownie Troop 861 from Andover displays the sit-upons they made for a recent campfire event at Camp Maude Eaton in Andover. From left are: Dominique Cadet, Hannah Insuik, Emily Brownholtz, Caroline Marcus, Scout Michela Smith, Marielle Waters, Alexandra Gaspar, Marissa Fox, Samantha Sheppard, Gabriella Smith, Deborah Daly, Rachel Feinman; in front, Olivia Gaspar.

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# Sports

## AHS ROUNDUP

# After win, girls soccer heads out to defend title on road

By Rick Harrison

Capt. Jenny Muller figured in all the scoring, netting the winning goal and assisting on the first and insurance goals, as the reigning Division 1 North Tournament champion Andover High girls varsity soccer team began defense of its title with a 3-1 victory over visiting Cambridge Rindge & Latin in a first-round game and the final home game of the season at Lovely Field.

Two days later it was sophomore Jenny Powers' turn, as she scored her team-high 20th and 21st goals of the season to lift the Lady Warriors to a 2-1 triumph over Dual County League champ and tourney No. 2 seed Lincoln-Sudbury at Haskell Field in Sudbury.

The two wins advanced AHS to the North semifinals, where they were scheduled to play familiar foe Newton North last night at the neutral Woburn High field.

With the weather forecast calling for high winds and heavy rains, if the game was postponed last night it will be played tonight at the same site and time (7 p.m.).

In the pool, Connie Brown and Holly Hinds were the vanguard as the AHS girls swim and dive team won another Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet and in the process almost doubled the point total of runner-up Chelmsford.

The Andover High varsity field hockey team saw its 2002 season come to an abrupt halt when the locals were upset 1-0 in a Division 1 North Tournament first-round game that went to penalty strokes before it was decided.

The AHS girls volleyball team was also ousted in its first tourney match, although the locals did put together an impressive comeback that fell just short in a 3-2 loss to MVC rival Haverhill in a Division 1 North quarterfinal match at Haverhill.

## CROSS COUNTRY

On the cross country trails, AHS boys team Capt. Phil Shaw and running mate Ryan Durkin added another impressive finish to their 2002 resumes.

Shaw placed fourth and Durkin was eighth in the Division 1 Junior/Senior race at the 27th annual State Coaches Invitational Meet held at Franklin Park in Boston.

Shaw covered the 3.1-mile (5K) course in 16 minutes, 25.14 seconds which was only 15 seconds behind winner Keith Gill of Brockton High (16:10.20).

Ethan Brown of Lowell (16:16.22) and Kevin Martes of Oliver Ames (16:19.00) also crossed ahead of Shaw in a race that featured more than 300 runners.

Durkin, a junior, was clocked in 16:45.83.

Andover and Brockton both had two runners in the top 10, while Oliver Ames had three.

## All-Conference

Phil Shaw has been voted a co-MVC Division 2 Boys Runner of the Year, sharing the honor with Tewksbury standout Dan Sansfield.

Ryan Durkin was named to the 2002 All-Conference Team, while All-Star selections are the sophomore trio of Jim Muller, James Primes and Sasha Seletsky.

## Schedule

The annual Eastern Mass. Division 1 Meet is this Saturday at Franklin Park in Boston. The Division 1 boys girls and boys races both start around noon.

Both Shaw and Durkin have an excellent chance to qualify for the season-ending All-State Meet scheduled Saturday, Nov. 16.

## GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

All-American Connie Brown and fellow team Capt. Holly Hinds touched first in two races each, while Andover won 10 of



The Lady Warriors brought their freshly minted trophies directly to the Andover High football game last Friday night, where they were cheered by the home crowd.

the 12 events on the way to its third consecutive Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 Championship Meet team title in the competition at Haverhill's White Natatorium.

The three-time reigning state champs, winners of 50 straight dual meets and 98 meets over the past 10 seasons, piled up 591.5 points to easily out-distance runner-up Chelmsford which finished with 301.5 points.

Haverhill (224 points), Lowell (130) and Nashua (121) finished in that order to round out the five-school Division 1 field.

## Schedule

The North Sectionals are at Haverhill this Saturday, with the diving at 9 a.m. and swim events at 2 p.m.

Andover has qualified 21 swimmers and three divers for the Sectional Meet.

The season-ending All-State Championship Meet, with Andover favored to capture its fourth straight title, is Sunday, Nov. 17 at Wellesley College with the diving at 9 a.m. and swim events starting at 2 p.m.

## MVC Championship Meet

The top 12 placers in each event scored points for their team, ranging from 16 for the winner to one for 12th place.

Connie Brown won the 100-yard backstroke and 200 IM, setting a new meet record of 57.99 in the former and capturing the IM in 2:07.79.

The University of Texas recruit was almost four seconds ahead of the runner-up in the 100 back, and she won the IM by almost six seconds.

Her time in the 100 back eclipsed her own meet record of 1:00.19 set in 1999.

Holly Hinds captured first in the 200 free, with her 1:56.92 clocking more than eight seconds better than the runner-up. She completed the 100 breaststroke in 1:09.60.

Chalking up an individual win each for AHS were Liz Mancuso, who tied Chelmsford's Sarah Braunschweiger in the 50 free (25.47), freshman Caitlin Doherty (100 butterfly, 1:00.11) and Caitlin Geary (500 free, 5:16.30).

The Lady Warriors were also tops in all three relays.

The victorious 200 medley crew consisted of freshman Candice Peak, Amy Caron, Brown and freshman Jen McDonald (1:54.76).

Tops in the 200 free relay by more than six seconds was the foursome of Brown, Caitlin Geary, Hinds and Mancuso (1:41.29).

Leading the charge in the 400 free relay were Doherty, Lauren Harlow, Geary and Hinds (3:51.75).

Andover's domination was never more evident than in the 200 IM where the locals swept the first eight places and nine of the top 12 for 85 team points.

Following Connie Brown in close order were Lauren Harlow (2nd, 2:13.29), Doherty (3rd, 2:13.88), Caitlin Geary (4th, 2:15.52), Diana Harlow (5th, 2:17.48), Peak (6th, 2:17.49), Caron (7th, 2:19.60) and Carolyn Cody (8th, 2:20.56).

Monika Eghbalian was also 11th in 2:28.36 and Courtney Hamer 15th in 2:31.46.

AHS showed excellent strength in the 500 free, sweeping the top five places with Caitlin Geary followed by Caitlin Hamer (2nd, 5:34.71), Jamie Kapelson (3rd, 5:41.54), Courtney Hamer (4th, 5:46.87) and Amanda Saunders (5:47.59).

Caitlin Carpenter also scored in the race (12th in 6:10.51).

Ann Marie Cashman led the locals' one-meter diving corps with a third-place finish, chalking up 211.35 points to trail only winner Monica Hibbard of Haverhill (231.00) and runner-up Rachel Martinez of Chelmsford (223.30).

Also scoring in the diving were Libby Fortier (5th, 203.60 points) and Casey Frost (8th, 181.30 points).

Others competing off the board for Andover were Michelle Guy (13th, 154.90 points), Jen McDonald (15th, 146.50 points), Chrissy McSweeney (19th, 135.95 points), Andrea Coiro (20th, 134.70 points), Lauren Freedman, Jacki Maye and

Gabi Bartmetler.

AHS also finished second in the 200 medley relay with Diana Harlow, Lauren Harlow, Doherty and Mancuso touching in 1:57.55.

The team of Caitlin Hamer, Caron, Diana Harlow and Peak was third in the 400 free relay in 3:58.17.

The 200 free B relay of Cody, Liz Pallotta, McDonald and Caitlin Hamer placed fourth in 1:52.15.

Caitlin Hamer was runner-up to Hinds in the 200 free (2:05.22), while Jackie Leahy placed fourth (2:10.16) and other AHS scorers in that race were Kapelson (11th, 2:11.81) and Saunders (12th, 2:13.95).

Also competing were freshman Rita Gillan (15th, 2:16.38), Carpenter (17th, 2:17.04) and Chrissy Caselle (25th, 2:31.45).

In the 50 free, Andover received points from McDonald (4th, 26.80) and Pallotta (10th, 27.61).

Also among the 71 swimmers in the crowded event were Tracey O'Malley and Phuonghu Nguyen, who tied for 16th in 28.17, Dana Medaglio (21st, 28.68), Lauren Grobicki (23rd, 28.96), Amanda Kaminski (27th, 29.30), Lydia Aloviseti (30th, 29.45) and Monica Chung (34th, 30.03).

Andover divers competing in the 50 sprint for fun were Cashman (45th, 32.00), Coiro (48th, 32.72), Caselle (50th, 33.02), Fortier (33.17), Frost (33.54), Guy (34.21), Danielle Perry (34.26), McSweeney (34.56), Bartmetler (35.24), Amy Kasparian (35.54), Freedman (36.40) and Maye (41.49).

The Lady Warriors took five of the top 12 places in the 100 fly, with winner Doherty joined by Eghbalian (3rd, 1:06.39), Christina Casey (4th, 1:06.45), Pallotta (7th, 1:07.46) and Matia Kostakis (11th, 1:11.65).

Jen Borden was 16th in 1:15.88.

The only race not won by an Andover swimmer was the 100 free, where Sarah Braunschweiger of Chelmsford touched in 54.88 to nudge runner-up Liz Mancuso (55.24).

Lauren Harlow placed third (55.96) and Cody fourth (58.63), while also scoring was O'Malley (12th, 1:01.80).

Others competing for AHS in the 100 were Gillan (14th, 1:02.34), Grobicki (24th, 1:04.37), Chung (33rd, 1:06.66), Perry (50th, 1:15.00) and Kasparian (1:21.91).

The locals swept the top three places in the 100 back, with recordsetter Brown followed by Peak (1:01.89) and Diana Harlow (1:04.12).

Also scoring were Kostakis (7th, 1:08.90), Casey (8th, 1:09.51) and Leahy (10th, 1:09.72).

Other Lady Warriors competing were Borden (17th, 1:14.50), Kaminski (19th, 1:14.73), Nguyen (21st, 1:15.56), Aloviseti (22nd, 1:16.53) and Amanda Trerotola (27th, 1:27.81).

Amy Caron was second to Holly Hinds in the 100 breast with a 1:11.53 clocking, while Medaglio placed 7th in 1:17.27.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The best-of-5 game tournament match did not start out well for Andover, which fell behind 0-2 when host Haverhill clicked off rapid-fire 30-23 and 30-26 wins.

But the Lady Warriors regrouped, winning the third and fourth games by identical 30-28 scores to force a 15-point clincher.

That one seasawed most of the way before the No. 2 seed Hillies (15-4) used a late burst to post a 15-11 victory that eliminated the 7th-seeded Lady Warriors.

"They killed us in those first two games," said AHS coach George Sullivan. "It looked like we might have to pack up early and go home. We played very tentatively — serving poorly and losing focus."

But, like flicking on a light switch or turning on a faucet, suddenly the locals became more aggressive and began to take charge in games three and four



Nick Stamas figured in all three of Andover's touchdowns against Exeter, running in two and throwing a TD pass. Andover won its second game in a row, 18-11.

## AHS FOOTBALL

# Stamas leads Warriors to victory over Exeter

By Rick Harrison

Nick Stamas continued his string of fine performances since being inserted as the Andover High varsity football team's quarterback, rushing for two touchdowns and passing for a third as the Golden Warriors stunned traditional New Hampshire Division 2 power Exeter High, 18-11, under the lights at Lovely Field.

It was the second straight win for Andover, a young team obviously hitting its stride as the 2002 season enters the homestretch.

Coach Ken Maglio's quickly-maturing crew is now 2-6 overall.

The Blue Hawks, ranked second in NHIAA Division 2, fell to 6-3 overall as they prepare for the upcoming Granite State playoff semifinals a week from this Saturday.

Andover now leads the brief inter-state rivalry, 2-1, with all three games decided by seven points or less.

The first two games in the series were heartstoppers, Exeter winning 16-14 at home in 2000 and AHS retaliating with a 21-20 triumph last fall at Lovely Field.

Stamas threw for 107 yards and tacked on 82 more on the ground, boosting his team-high point total to 34 while pitching his sixth TD pass in the last three games.

"Nick Stamas played like a veteran quarterback," said coach Maglio. "He was poised, tough and ran hard when the opportunities were there. He was on his game all night and showed excellent leadership."

"Our three young linebackers (Nathan Wiech, Devin Trainor, Matt Hennessy) played with big hearts against a much larger opponent. They came up with big play after big play, and were hard-nosed against a ball-control team trying to run the ball down our throat."

"Larry Masse at defensive end also got to their quarterback (Patrick Murphy) behind the line of scrimmage a couple times before he could hand the ball off," said Maglio.

"The running of Hennessy — and the blocking of offensive linemen Phil Perkins, Russell Stevens, Ben Newman, Matt Wolfman and Brendan Day — left Nick free to make good decisions."

Maglio also lauded the defensive work of freshman Buddy Farnham (interception) and Brent Hyde.

Stamas launched the scoring about three minutes into the game with a four yard touchdown run that capped a 64 yard march.

Exeter placekicker Brad Rowe, hero of the previous week's rain-drenched 3-0 win over Bishop Guertin, booted a 21 yard field goal five minutes later to put the Blue Hawks on the board.

The Golden Warriors broke it open with a pair of second-quarter TDs, a 27 yard run by Stamas in the first two minutes and a three-yard pass from Stamas to junior wide receiver Dennis Collins who made a diving catch in the closing two minutes.

Stamas' run was a tackle-breaking sweep with excellent second and third efforts by the QB and his cordon of blockers.

Trailing 18-3, Exeter made it interesting with its lone touchdown late in the third period on a six yard run by Tyler McAniff.

But the Andover defense stiffened in the final quarter and held Exeter off the board.

Wiech and sophomore cornerback John Fox finished with 13 tackles each for Andover, while senior nose guard Jordan Thibault added nine stops.

"Three-and-out isn't the way any of us wanted the season to end," said Sullivan.

"After the second game we made some adjustments. The girls stopped rushing their serves and played with pride. They dug in, refused to give up and made a nice come back."

"Even though we lost it was a good way to finish. We went out fighting."

The setback left Andover with a final overall record of 12-10.

"I wish we could keep this group together," said Sullivan. "It's been a struggle all year but it's also been fun. We had some JV players tap into the varsity fire — and they did well. Overall it was very rewarding."

## FOOTBALL

ANDOVER 18, EXETER, N.H. 11  
at Lovely Field

Exeter, N.H.	3	0	8	0	—	11
Andover	6	12	0	0	—	18

### First Quarter

A: Nick Stamas 4 run (rush failed)  
E: Brad Rowe 21 field goal

### Second Quarter

A: Stamas 27 run (pass failed)  
A: Dennis Collins 3 pass from Stamas (pass failed)

### Third Quarter

E: Tyler McAniff 6 run (Pat Murphy rush)

### Fourth Quarter

No scoring

### TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs: Andover 13, Exeter 13  
Rushes/Yards: Andover 36-137, Exeter 43-228

Passing: Andover 10-150, 107 yards, TD Exeter 1-4-1, 10 yards

Total Yards: Andover 244, Exeter 236  
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 0-0, Exeter 0-0

Punts/Ave: Andover 3-24.7  
Penalties/Yards: Andover 6-40, Exeter 2-6

Scrimmage Plays: Andover 57, Exeter 52  
Records: Andover 2-6, Exeter 6-3

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: A, Nick Stamas 19-82, 2 TDs, Matt Hennessy 12-45, Brent Hyde 2-14, Jason White 3-6, E, Zach Dziama 16-94, Martin Mulrey 15-55, Patrick Murphy 4-42, Tyler McAniff 6-19

Passing: A, Nick Stamas 10-15-0, 107 yards, TD E, Patrick Murphy 1-4-1, 10 yards

Receiving: A, Dennis Collins 4-60, Buddy Farnham 2-25, Jason White 2-6, Matt Hennessy 1-16, E, Pat Nolan 1-10

Fumble Recoveries: A, None  
Interceptions: A, Buddy Farnham 1

Tackles: A, Nathan Wiech 13, John Fox 13, Jordan Thibault 9, Phil Perkins 6, Russell Stevens 6, Brent Hyde 5, Jason White 4, Buddy Farnham 4, Larry Masse 3, Mike Muccio 2, Matt Hennessy 2, Joe Robichaud 1, Matt Wolfman 1

The Golden Warriors are shooting for a major upset tomorrow night in their final road game at Chelmsford High.

The Merrimack Valley Conference game has a 7 p.m. kickoff at Simonian Alumni Field.

The Lions clinched an Eastern Mass. Division 2 playoff berth, and at least a share of their third straight MVC title, with a 28-7 victory over Dracut last weekend.

That win, coupled with losses by conference co-runners Lowell (20-14 to Methuen, overtime) and Tewksbury (43-16 to Central Catholic), gave the Lions a two-game lead over Lowell, Tewksbury and Haverhill with two league games left.

The playoff berth is ensured because Chelmsford has beaten Lowell, Tewksbury and Haverhill head-to-head, the first tiebreaker in determining the playoff qualifier.

Once again leading the CHS attack is senior tailback Dave Leach, who enters tomorrow's game with 13 touchdowns, 78 points and 847 yards rushing.

Fullback Bill Furey has 34 points and close to 500 yards on the ground, while junior quarterback Bruce Rich (head coach's son) has 20 points and eight TD passes.

Rich has thrown for more than 700 yards and completed better than 60 percent of his passes this fall.

Chelmsford has won six straight since its only loss, 17-14 to Dual County League power Acton-Boxboro, and the Lions are 39-6 in their last 45 games spread over the last four seasons.

Four of Chelmsford's wins have been very close against Central Catholic (29-27 in overtime), Methuen (28-26), Tewksbury (28-22) and Haverhill (20-12).

Chelmsford has dominated the series with Andover the past two decades, winning a 34-32 thriller last season and beating the locals three straight years.

AHS last won 35-33 in their wild 1998 game, and the Lions hold a 14-4-1 edge since 1981.

## DIVISION 1 NORTH TOURNAMENT

### QUARTERFINAL ROUND

#### Haverhill 3

#### Andover 2

Junior middle hitter and Capt. Ashley McLaughlin displayed her All-Conference form once again, capping the season with 12 kills, 32-for-38 hitting, one ace and 15-for-16 serving.

Junior Meagan Merinder, who was ill and missed practice the day before the match, still came through with 16-for-20 hitting, 18-for-23 serving and three aces.

Senior outside hitter Lauren Underhill drew praise from Sullivan in her final high school match. She was 20-for-21 hitting and

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## Final tryouts are Saturday for 4 boys travel b-ball teams

Final tryouts for the four 2002-'03 Andover/St. Robert's boys travel basketball teams will be held this Saturday, Nov. 9 at the West Middle School gym.

The program, which launches its 17th season, will have 5th-, 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade teams this winter.

All 6th-grade candidates should report to the school from 8-9:30 a.m., 8th-graders from 9:30-11 a.m., 7th-graders from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 5th graders from 12:30-2 p.m.

Any 5th-graders who want to try out for the 6th-grade team can do that by also attending the 6th-grade morning tryout.

Additional tryouts will be held with the dates and times for those announced on Saturday.

For more information, call program director Joe Iarrobino at 978-474-0523.



## AHS ROUNDUP

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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11-for-16 serving, with two kills and four aces.

Lauren went out the way all seniors could like, with probably her best effort ever, said Sullivan. "She didn't hit the ball hard, but picked her spots on the floor and was very poised and consistent."

Junior Adrienne Hinds finished with 24 hitting, with three kills, and 12 for-16 serving with two aces.

Freshman Jen Merinder contributed four aces, 12 for-19 serving and 4-for-5 hitting.

Top players were all seniors, all right, said Sullivan.

Senior Capt. Katie Cail rounded out the top performers with 11-for-4 serving and 10-for-16 hitting.

The three seniors, all with 10 kills, were the only players to have more than one kill. Cail, Hinds and Merinder all had 10 kills.

The team's record was 1-1 in the regular season, 1-1 in the playoffs, and 1-1 in the state tournament. On Oct. 9 at Merrimack, the team won the regular season match. On Oct. 10 at Wakefield, the team won the playoff match. On Oct. 11 at Wakefield, the team won the state tournament match.

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tourney qualifiers. That way we know what to expect and how to play at this time of year."

## Scoring leaders

Lauren Powers topped the point parade with 21 goals and seven assists through 22 games, while Jenny Muller has 10 goals and 11 assists.

Emily Pallotta boasts six goals and seven assists, Ashley Faulk nine goals, three assists and Allison Kerivan four goals, eight assists.

## DIVISION 1 NORTH TOURNAMENT

## FIRST ROUND

## Andover 3

## Cambridge R&amp;L 1

Sophomore midfielder Jackie Powers launched the scoring just 1:58 into the game, outracing the CR&L defense to a through pass by Jenny Muller and slamming a shot into the lower right corner of the Lady Falcons' net.

Cambridge, the No. 10 seed, then settled down and eventually tied the game 1-1 at the 18:03 mark of the first half.

Muller put the Lady Warriors ahead for stay at 36:30, popping into a quick shot from the slot after a set-up pass from the corner by Powers.

Freshman midfielder Emily Pallotta added the insurance at 6:45 of the second half, controlling a pass on the left side after Muller brought the ball in from midfield.

Pallotta's low drive nicked the right post and deflected into the net.

Sophomore keeper Micaela Smith made three saves for the winners, who finished with a wide 11-4 edge in shots on net.

"Can't single out any players in this one," said coach Dick Loschi. "It was a total team effort all the way."

## QUARTERFINAL

## Andover 2

## Lincoln-Sudbury 1

Jackie Powers gave the locals a 1-0 lead 22 minutes into the game, converting a pass from junior forward Allison Kerivan.

Kerivan had just subbed in moments before, and on her first touch she laid the ball between L-S defenders to Powers.

Powers fought off the last opposing player between her and the keeper — before firing a shot into the bottom right corner of the net.

The L-S Warriors, who entered

the game with a gaudy 17-1-1 record, didn't get the equalizer until 32:20 of the second half.

But, before the momentum had a chance to shift, Powers pocketed the game-winner a scant 20 seconds later (32:40).

"I almost missed the goal because it happened so quickly after they scored," said Loschi.

Jenny Muller took the kickoff after the L-S goal and placed the ball to Powers on the left wing. She beat the defense and went in alone on the keeper.

Just as the goalie came out to meet her, Powers looped a shot into the lower far corner for the clincher.

"Our entire defense was superb," said Loschi. "They cut off Lincoln-Sudbury's passes and outside runs — two very nice things to see."

"Their coach told me after the game she had watched our game with Cambridge — and from our first-half performance had high hopes they could beat us. But, when we came out angry in the second half and dominated — she wasn't so sure anymore."

"Today we controlled play right from the outset. We had an excellent chance to score in the first minute — and Lincoln didn't get the ball out of its end for the first 10 minutes," said Loschi.

The Lady Warriors finished with a slim 9-7 edge in shots as AHS keeper Micaela Smith made six saves.

Loschi also lauded the efforts of midfielder Sloan McCauley and stopper Samantha Hughes.

## FIELD HOCKEY

Another highly-successful regular season for Andover was followed by the heartbreaking 1-0 Division 1 North Tournament overtime loss to upstart Wakefield.

The setback left coach Maureen Noone's AHS club with a final 13-2-4 overall record.

AHS outscored the opposition by a wide 47-8 margin in its 19 games, and this was only the second time this fall the Lady Warriors were shut out (1-0 by Chelmsford on Sept. 17).

The defeat also snapped a 14-game unbeaten streak (10-0-4) that followed the early-season loss to Chelmsford.

Andover, which finished second to Methuen in the MVC this year, is also 30-4-5 the past two seasons and

40-11-7 the last three years.

In 2000, AHS dropped its tourney opener 1-0 to Westford Academy. Last fall a 2-0 quarterfinal round win over Needham was followed by a 1-0 loss to perennial power Danvers.

Seniors for whom the Wakefield game was their last in an Andover uniform are Capt. Stephanie Casper, Grace Farnham and Kate Seero, along with Amanda Gallant, Carolyn Berberian and Kerrie Dargan.

## Coach of the Year

Maureen Noone was voted the 2002 MVC Coach of the Year, a fact inadvertently omitted from last week's list of All-Conference and All-Star players from AHS.

## Scoring leaders

MVC scoring leader and Conference Player of the Year Stephanie Casper led the team with eight goals and 15 assists for 23 points.

Grace Farnham had 13 goals, nine assists and Jacqui Munro nine goals, nine assists.

Farnham, whose 19 goals and six assists last season were team and conference records for goals and total points, also had 14 goals, four assists as a sophomore.

She will graduate with three-year career totals of 46 goals (school record) and 19 assists for 65 points (school record).

Three-time All-Conference selection and 2002 MVC Player of the Year Casper accumulated 18 goals and 35 assists (school record) for 53 points over her four-year career.

## DIVISION 1 NORTH TOURNAMENT

## FIRST ROUND

## Wakefield 1

## Andover 0 (ot)

The Lady Warriors, seeded No. 5 in an 18-team qualifying field, could never spring their top guns loose as No. 12 Wakefield (14-5-1) played a strong defensive game.

Elissa Slovin was a standout in net for the locals while Stephanie Casper, Grace Farnham, Adrienne Shea, Kate Seero and Amanda Gallant contributed excellent efforts in the season finale.

The teams battled through 60 minutes of scoreless regulation and

two sudden-death overtime periods before going to penalty strokes to decide the outcome.

After ousting Andover, Wakefield won the 2000 State Division 1 champ and No. 13 seed Acton-Boxboro 1-0 in the quarterfinals.

A-B had blasted MVC champ Methuen 4-1 in its first-round game.

Wakefield advanced to the North semifinals where it met undefeated top seed Weston (19-0-1) yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime.

The Wakefield-Weston survivor faces either No. 2 seed Reading or No. 6 Gloucester in the North title game this weekend.

## GOLF

Andover High players Brian Alberico, Andy Haak and Andrew Santos have been voted to the Merrimack Valley All-Conference Team for the 2002 season.

In addition, Jon Shaw and Jason Edelstein were selected as MVC All-Stars.

Alberico also received the team

MVP Award and Haak the Coach's Award at last Wednesday's annual team banquet held at Focaccia's Restaurant in Wilmington.

The banquet was the last hurrah for highly-successful AHS coach Bob Lawson, who is retiring after 35 years at the helm.

During that time the self-effacing Lawson posted a 401-99-16 won-lost-tied record.

His Golden Warrior teams won 14 MVC titles and qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament 25 times and the State Tournament 14 times.

Andover also won several North Sectional titles during his tenure.

This year's team finished second to Central Catholic in the MVC, winning its last seven matches (including one against Central) and going 7-0 in October for a 12-3-1 overall record.

Lawson's teams were 175-25-7 in their last 207 matches.

Rob Oppenheim and Dave Shaffer are among the many outstanding players who came through the AHS system while Lawson was coaching.

## ROVERS



The Andover Rovers U12 Girls Soccer Team participated at the 12th Annual North Reading Fall Kickoff Classic held recently. Team members (front row, left to right): Quincy Jessep, Katelyn Kearns, Kelly Rousmaniere, Paige Murray, Brigitte Dinkel, Sandra Lewis, Alice Grant and Melissa Pennington. Second Row: Natalie Gibson, Victoria Markus, Julia Caffrey, Elizabeth Gilbert, Vanessa Singleton, Kelsey Perkins, Stephanie Wessels and Kayla Kantola. Standing in back are coaches David Perkins (left) and Craig Gibson (right). Teams exchanged patches after each game.

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## ANDOVER JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Champs: Cowboys capture Collins Cup

**T**HE COWBOYS ARE BACK — winning it all on a sunny Sunday afternoon, with crisp weather, music playing, cheerleaders cheering, and free hotdogs. What a way to finish off the 42nd Andover Junior Football League season.

The AJFL capped off its 2002 season in dramatic fashion as the Cowboys defeated the Ravens, 20-0, for the town championship at Doherty field.

The two teams entered the season finale with more at stake than when the day started.

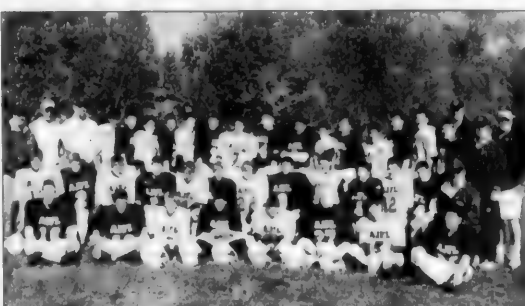
A loss earlier in the day by the previously undefeated

Eagles, 14-6 to the Steelers, set the stage for a winner-take-all showdown between the Cowboys and Ravens.

This was the fourth championship in five years for the Cowboys and coach Kevin Lynch's staff. The Vikings won the championship in 2001.

The Cowboys started fast, recovering an onside kick. That set the stage for Nate Baker.

who broke through the Raven defense for a 46-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. Jeff Gilbert ran the extra point in for an early 7-0

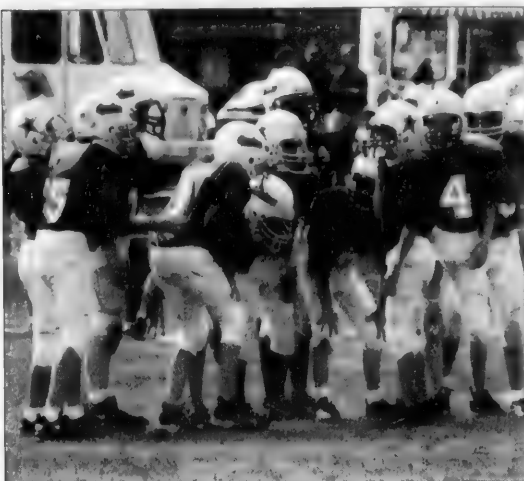


The Andover Junior Football League hosted its 2nd Annual 8th Grade Fall Classic on Sunday, Oct. 27. The "Navy" team with head coach Kevin Lynch was comprised of 8th-graders from the Cowboys, Vikings and Chiefs. The "Gold" team with head coach Hugh Conlon was made up of the Eagles, Ravens and Steelers. The Navy team won, 26-19. Above left, Navy and Gold teams line up for a picture. In the photo at right, Jovany Santos of Navy throws a pass.



Coaches Lou Bernieri (left) and Leon Modeste survey the action.

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The Cowboys plot their winning strategy.

lead.

After forcing a Ravens punt, again it was the Nate Baker/Jeff Gilbert combination, with Baker splitting the Raven defenders for 56 yards and Gilbert adding the extra point for a 14-0 first quarter lead. The lead extended to 20-0 midway through the second quarter as PJ Farnham took an inside handoff from Matt Rayner and raced untouched 43 yards to close out the scoring.

The third quarter featured some of the hardest-hitting football of the season as the "B" teams took over.

Although there was no scoring during the quarter, the steady play of Ravens Mike Ardagna, Steve Lafortune and Matt Washburn could not be overlooked. Cowboys Gavin Lynch, John Hennessey, Conor Heelan, and Gianni Micelli were all over the football field, making several combined stops and individual tackles.

Justin Grasso and Corey Steele made defensive contributions for the Cowboys.

Mike Fraser, Brett Silverstein and Mike Ross continued



Kevin Lynch, head coach of the 2002 Championship Cowboys, with (from left) Lyle Baker, Bate Baker, Justin Grasso holding the Richard J. Collins Trophy, Chris Harris, Jeff Martin and Michael Fraser.

their fine play on the offensive line, opening huge holes for the Cowboy ball carriers.

Mike Morander, Shawn McDermott, Dan Haugh and Chris McDonald turned in fine overall play for the Ravens.

The second annual 8th-Grade Fall Classic was held Sunday, Oct. 27. All six AJFL teams were represented as the combined talents of the Cowboys, Chiefs and Vikings

(Navy) squared off against the Steelers, Ravens and Eagles (Gold). It was an opportunity for the 8th-graders to show off their talents before heading to high school.

The Navy team won, 26-19.

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By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, Ma. 01810 or faxed to (978) 475-2819.

Mike Giles of Andover, a junior tailback on the Dartmouth College football team, rushed for 299 yards in a pair of recent wins over Ivy League foe Yale and Holy Cross.

After those two games, which hiked the Big Green record to 2-3, the 6-foot, 200-pounder ranked fourth in the league in rushing with 412 yards on 97 carries, and he also boasted two touchdowns.

Making the first start of his collegiate career, Giles scored his first TD in a 30-20 Ivy League loss to Colgate earlier this fall.

Giles rushed 18 times for a team-high 80 yards and scored on a two-point conversion in the third quarter, giving Dartmouth a 17-3 lead at the time.

He also ripped off a 19 yard gain to help set up his team's first touchdown.

Giles continued his fine play by running for a career-high 164 yards on

34 carries as Dartmouth defeated Yale, 20-17, for its first victory of the season.

The Big Green rushed for a team total of 222 yards (best since 1996) against Yale's highly-touted run defense.

This performance, the highest single-game output in school history, earned Giles Dartmouth's Male Athlete of the Week honor for the 7-day period ending Oct. 13.

He was also the top rusher in all Ivy League football games that weekend.

He then ran for 135 yards on 30 carries the following weekend, scoring the final Dartmouth TD in the fourth quarter on a 15 yard run to help preserve a wild 44-36 triumph.

Giles has also caught seven passes this fall, covering 51 yards, and he is averaging 12.2 yards on six kickoff returns.

The last time a Dartmouth back ran for more than 100 yards in three consecutive games was in 1991 when Al Rosier did it against Columbia, Brown and Princeton.

Giles played defensive back for the Big Green until midway through last season when he was switched to the offensive backfield.

At AHS he lettered 11 times in football, basketball, track and baseball. He was All-Conference and team captain in football as a senior, when he

scored 14 TDs and 84 points.

Giles graduated with 132 career points, catching five TD passes and throwing two.

Lisa Tisbert of Andover played her second season as a member of the Bentley College women's soccer team. The former Massachusetts State High School Female Athlete-of-the-Year (2000), one of three freshman who played significant roles for the Falcons last fall, set a pair of Bentley single-season records with 12 goals and 30 points.

This year Tisbert again led Bentley (8-4-3) in scoring with 11 goals and 28 points in 16 games. She already ranks fourth on the school's career scoring list with 23 goals and 12 assists.

Earlier this fall sophomore forward Tisbert was named the ECAC Division 2 and Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Week. She netted three goals and passed out four assists for 10 points as the Falcons swept three games.

Tisbert powered a 5-0 win over Le Moyne College with two goals and two assists, added a goal and assist in a 4-2 conquest of Stonehill, and last week delivered a penalty-kick goal and assist as the Falcons blanked Southern New Hampshire University, 3-0.

Holly Boucher of Andover, who

helped the Andover High girls swim and dive team to three straight MVC, North Sectional and All-State Division 1 championships, is a freshman member of the Boston College swim team this fall.

Boucher, an excellent sprint freestyler and breaststroker, earned both All-Scholastic and High School All-American honors at AHS.

She is also a Junior National and US Open qualifier, placing third in the 100 breaststroke at Junior Nationals last spring.

Justin Accomando and Hunter Washburn, both of Andover, are members of the Naval Academy crew team which won the silver medal for its second place finish in the National Collegiate Rowing Championships.

The Navy oarsmen lost to Yale in a photo finish.

Ryan Hanigan of Andover had an outstanding summer season in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League.

Hanigan, the only local selected to play in the Cape league, was the No. 1 catcher for the Orleans Cardinals who were embroiled in a best-of-3 championship playoff series with Wareham.

The former Andover High and Andover Post 8 American Legion standout batted over .300 most of the

summer for Orleans, finishing at .298 which was 10th best in the league.

He was the All-Star catcher from his division of the CCL, as well as the MVP, and recently was named the top New England prospect out of the league.

Players in the Cape League are from all over the country — mostly from states and playing for colleges that are warm weather all year long.

Hanigan's Orleans teammates came from colleges such as Arizona State, Baylor, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Louisiana-Munroe, Mississippi State, South Florida, The Citadel and Brigham Young.

Last year as a junior at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., Hanigan split time at third base, catcher (15 games) and in left field and batted .383 for the Tars while leading the team in doubles and RBI.

The solid 6-foot, 200-pounder also drew interest from several pro scouts while playing in the Cape League, most notably those from Philadelphia and Tampa Bay.

Brian Alberico of Andover, who won the Rogers Junior Golf Tournament Intermediate Division championship this past summer, tied for 20th place in a field of 174 of the nation's top junior golfers participating in the national finals for the 34th annual Independent Insurance Agents Junior Classic presented by the Tiger Woods Foundation.

Alberico, who was seventh after the first day (36-36-72) and 14th after the second, finished the four-day, 54-hole stroke-play tourney with 72-77-76-225 at Northgate Country Club in Houston, Texas.

The event, originally scheduled for 72 holes, was shortened by heavy rains on the third day.

The 17-year-old Alberico is one of five Massachusetts junior golfers who qualified for the IIAJC Nationals at local and regional tournaments earlier this summer.

The boys division champ is from Massachusetts, Kevin Silva of New Bedford carding a three under par 72-67-71-210 for a comfortable nine stroke win.

Silva is a two-time Mass. State individual titlist with wins in 1999 and 2001. Alberico was only five shots from placing third.

Jeff Nadelson of Andover, a graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton, is a first-year defensive end on the Hobart College football team (Geneva, N.Y.). The Statesmen, who compete in the

Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association, return 23 starters from last year's 6-3 team.

Pat Rulon-Miller of Andover, a graduate of Austin Prep in Reading, is a freshman member of the 2002 Gettysburg College men's cross country team.

Rulon-Miller, one of seven freshmen on the squad, is also an outstanding swimmer.

Daniel Cote of Andover, a graduate of Phillips Academy, is a freshman forward on the Trinity (Conn.) College men's soccer team this fall.

The Bantams have 16 lettermen returning from last year's 6-8 team.

Andover resident Rebecca Morris is one of five individuals to be inducted into the Wentworth Institute of Technology Athletic Hall of Fame this fall.

The native of Brewster is considered one of the Leopards' finest women's basketball players ever.

A four-year starter from 1993 to 1997, and two-year team captain, Morris was a four-time All-Commonwealth Coast Conference honoree (first team twice), Rookie of the Year in 1994 and CCC Player of the Year in 1996.

In 1996-'97 she was also named All-ECAC and All-New England Women's Basketball Association.

She amassed 1,811 career points and 1,029 career rebounds and was the school's first hoop player, male or female, to surpass the 1,000 mark in both categories.

Morris currently remains first on the school's all-time scoring list and ranks No. 2 in rebounding.

During her junior season she produced an eye-popping 46 points and 30 rebounds in a game against Nichols College.

Morris, who also played tennis and was All-Conference in softball at Wentworth, won the school's Outstanding Woman Student Award in 1997.

After graduation Morris spent a year playing Elite Division I basketball in Norway. She also was a teacher/coach at all school levels in that country.

Leslie Adams of Andover, a sophomore/midfielder on the 2002 Ithaca College field hockey team, helped the Lady Bombers to a 5-6 record in their first 11 games.

Ithaca has qualified for the NCAA Tournament four times and two years ago reached the Regional semifinals.

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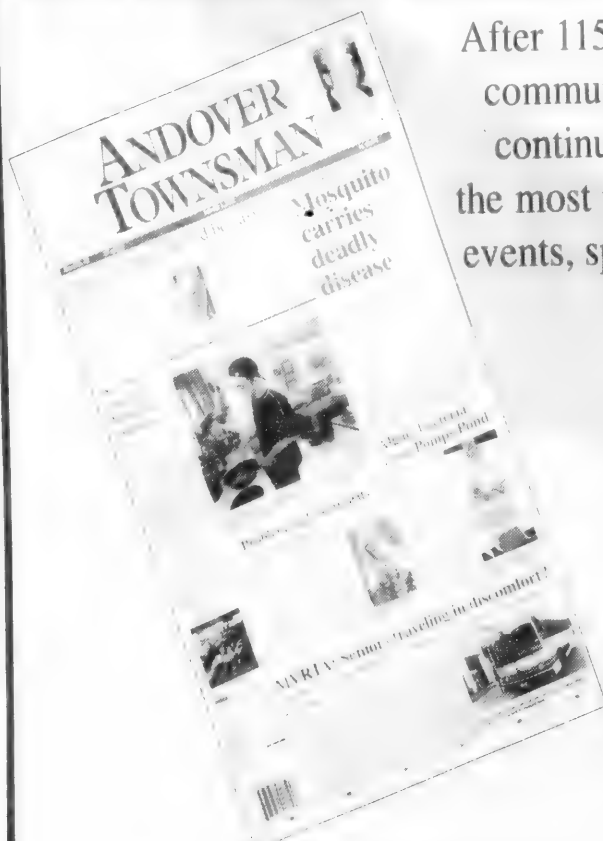
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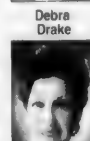
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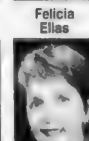
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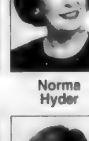
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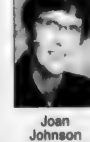
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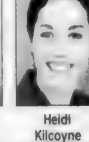
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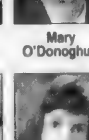
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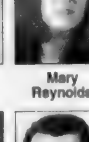
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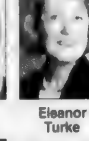
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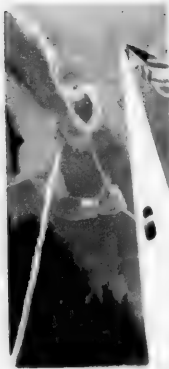
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Andover lost 68 veterans this year. Above, Veterans Agent John Doherty raises a flag at the Elm Green Veterans Memorial.

## TO OUR READERS

Andover is much more than another sleepy, affluent community north of Boston.

Andover raised men who fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and educated the country's current commander-in-chief, George Bush. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith found the words for *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)* in Andover, while 2002 Emmy-winning actor Michael Chiklis found his stage presence in town.

Skeet shooting was invented in Andover. *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno's told his first joke here, as a South Elementary student. The Underground Railroad carried southern slaves to freedom via Andover, and today's companies like Wyeth are creating products that will help people live better in the future.

This is the type of information that newcomers – and some longtime residents – may not know about Andover. It's also some of the information readers will find in this special section.

But primarily, the Town Directory and Newcomers Guide is a resource about present-day Andover. It is meant to give a quick overview of the people, places and issues in this 356-year-old town. We hope residents find valuable information – or simply a new club to join.

Certainly, they will find plenty of information they can use in their daily lives. Those wondering who to call when their tap water turns brown, can check out the information on public works. Those wondering if magazines can be recycled should read the notice from the town recycling committee. We want residents to know who's in charge, and who they can call to fix that mammoth pothole they keep hitting on the way to work.

We also want them to know what days to mark on their calendars for a little fun. So, inside, they'll find a list of some of the town's most prominent annual events. Happy reading.

— Neil Fater, editor

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## This year's debate:

# Finding where to slash budget

By Rebecca Piro

In the year to come, what will Andover cut?

That is the question many town officials and residents are asking, as the town – a growing mass of 33,000 people spread across 30,000 square miles – struggles to fund existing programs.

Andover could be facing cuts in services or employee layoffs, if, as one selectman warns, the town finds itself faced with a \$3-million to \$4-million operating-budget deficit next year.

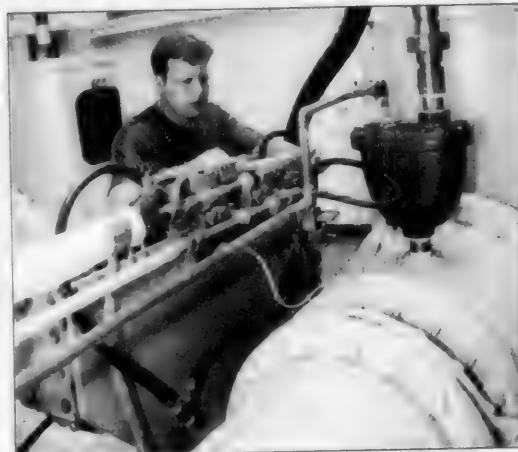
Some officials believe that residents proved at the ballot box last April that they would not support general overrides of Proposition 2½, the state law capping how much taxes can be raised each year. Known for supporting Andover education, voters rejected a \$1.13 million override targeted for school spending.

Still, it is possible that officials will try again next year for an override. If voters reject it, their taxes will still go up – but they'd rise more with an override.

Despite the tight times, Andover is still committed to about \$43-million worth of ongoing capital-improvement projects.

The new High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools, a \$34-million project, opened on time in September. But Andover is only half-way finished with its \$13-million safety-center project. That facility is scheduled to be completed in June. The first phase, however, was one year late.

The sewer expansion project, a \$30-million undertaking, is a few months behind schedule due to paperwork problems at the state level, says Jack Petkus, Andover's public works director. Workers are currently laying pipe on Main



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

As officials talk about slashing programs or people from the operating budget, the town is studying the need to expand the water-treatment plant.

Street, and estimate completion between 2004 and 2006.

### Future projects

Despite a need to tighten its belt, Andover does have new projects on the horizon.

Senior-center advocates are still working on a plan for a new, larger facility. This year a committee determined that the best way for Andover to pay for this center is through a debt-exclusion, a one-time expense for which taxes are temporarily raised above the amount allowed by Proposition 2½. This requires approval by two-thirds of Town Meeting voters.

Firefighters and the town will conduct a joint study this year on the possibility of training the department to be paramedics – a project that some officials worry could be costly, but firefighters say will improve residents' emergency health care.

Members of the private Andover Youth Foundation will present their building plans to the town's Planning Board next week. The group is trying to

raise more than \$4 million for a youth center in west Andover behind the fire station. When built, AYF members estimate the building will cost between \$109,000 to \$120,000 per year to maintain. That cost could be added to the town's list of bills as soon as 2004, when members hope to have the building completed.

The town is spending \$975,000 this year to study a possible expansion of the water-treatment plant. A full-fledged expansion project, if the study concludes one is necessary, and if voters approve it next year, will cost another \$9.1 million.

When it comes time to vote at Town Meeting next April, residents will have to prioritize which of these projects, if any, are important enough start immediately.

Selectmen have approved a policy requiring all capital projects to be funded by debt-exclusion votes, to prevent these projects from further cutting into the town's existing services.

## FAMOUS ANDOVER FACES

PRESIDENTS GEORGE BUSH AND GEORGE W. BUSH, actor HUMPHREY BOGART and Patriots coach BILL BELICHICK all lived in Andover as students at Phillips Academy.

BILL BUCKER, unfortunately best known for the ground-ball he missed in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, lived in Andover during his time with

the Red Sox. ROBERT URICH lived here while involved with the TV show *Spenser: For Hire*.

Below are some other people

who called Andover home for longer periods of time:

HARRIETT BEECHER STOWE lived in Andover from 1852 to 1864 while her husband studied at Andover Theological Seminary, and is buried here. She penned six books, including *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which many believe helped

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# NAMES AND FACES OF ANDOVER

## BEECHER STOWE

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hasten the Civil War. More than six million copies have been sold in 22 languages.

**JOHN N. COLE** started the *Townsmen* in 1887, as a 23-year old. In 1903, he was elected to the state legislature and in 1905 was chosen speaker of the House.

Andover has been home to many authors. **MONRO LEAF** is perhaps Andover's best-loved children's author. He lived in Andover from 1959 to 1965 and his most famous book is *Ferdinand the Bull* (1936). **MARY MCGARRY MORRIS** has written a number of acclaimed books, including *A Dangerous Woman*, which was made into a major motion picture starring Debra Winger. Her first book, *Vanished*, was nominated for the

National Book Award and the PEN/Faulkner Award.



George W. Bush, as a Phillips Academy student.

**ALICE BUCK**, a graduate of Abbott Academy, the girls school at Phillips Academy before the school went coed, was the force behind Andover's first privately purchased piece of conservation land - Indian Ridge. That was in 1897.

**WILLIAM MADISON WOOD**, president of American Woolen Co. from 1905 to 1924, was Andover's most famous citizen in his day. His was the largest woolen company in the world, with more than 40,000 workers in 60 different mills in eight states. Shawsheen Village in northern Andover, near Lawrence, was built for his managers.

**J. EVERETT COLLINS** served 20 years as a selectman, one term on School Committee and 14 years as a state representative. He was a fine tenor, conductor and athlete. He is the only one elected to both the Athletic and Fine Arts Halls of Fame at Andover High School. The Collins Center for the Arts, which also serves as Andover High's auditorium, was dedicated to him in 1983.

Andover native **PAUL MONETTE** won the National Book Award in 1992 for his *Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story* relating his experiences growing up gay in Andover. Diagnosed with AIDS in 1991, he died in 1995.

**JOSHUA L. MINER** founded *Outward Bound*. The former Phillips Academy professor was known worldwide for the program which mixed outdoor activities with academics to make for a better-rounded student. He died in 2001.

**MICHAEL CHIKLIS** is a 2002 Emmy Award winner for his portrayal of a rogue police offi-

cer in FX's *The Shield*. He grew up on Lowell Street and started acting at age 13 in the Merrimack Repertory Theater. He graduated from Andover High School in 1981, where he will always be remembered for both his football prowess and drama roles. He successfully mixed athletics and fine arts.



Michael Chiklis

Emmy Award winner and current host of *The Tonight Show* **JAY LENO**

grew up on Clarke Road in Andover's Ballardvale section. He graduated from Andover High School and returns to Andover regularly to meet with friends or talk with students.



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## TOWN MEETING

### 2003 Town Meeting will begin April 28

Andover's annual exercise of democracy will take place Monday and Tuesday, April 28 and 29, and Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6.

No Saturday date is scheduled.

Despite a recommendation from the Town Government Review Committee to include a Saturday session for senior citizens and parents, selectmen voted to stick with the traditional early-week schedule.

### How to reach selectmen

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Residents celebrate a vote at 2002 Annual Town Meeting, held at Andover High School's field house.

### Town Meeting:

## Democracy at work

Who decides if a new school will be built? Who bans smoking throughout town? Who requires dog owners to clean up after their pets? Residents do.

And they take such action with votes at Annual Town Meeting. Sometimes called the purest expression of democracy, Town Meeting is where the town's major decisions – financial and otherwise – are discussed and voted on by town residents.

Andover's Town Meeting is open to all registered Andover

voters. Bonding, borrowing, eminent domain and zoning changes require approval by at least two-thirds of the voters.

Technically, Annual Town Meeting begins with the elections of town officials, at the voting booths a few weeks before the rest of Town Meeting. A Special Town Meeting can be called at anytime during the year by anyone with a petition signed by at least 200 registered voters.

James Doherty has presided over Town Meeting as its moderator for 24 years.



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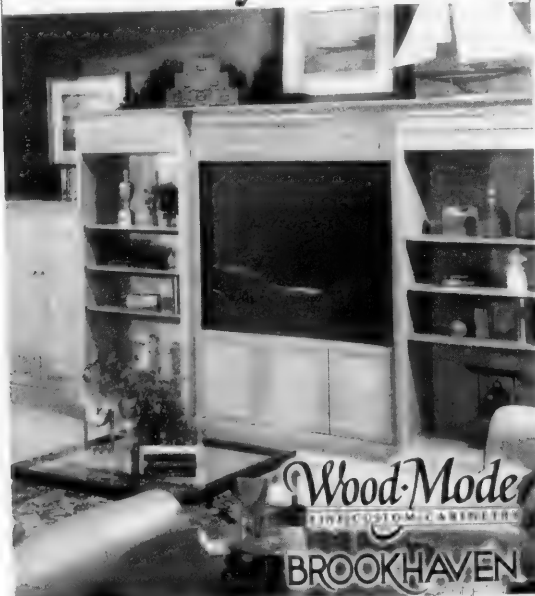
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operations of the town. He oversees approximately 300 full- and part-time town employees and supervises the town's eight departments. He has been town manager for 12 years, longer than anyone else in town history.

**Steve Bucuzzo** is the assistant town manager, a relatively new position to Andover.

Town Clerk **Randall L. Hanson** is responsible for supervising elections, maintaining the town voter list, census records, vital statistics and town-meeting minutes.



**Buzz  
Stapczynski**

### Public works

## Operating sewer, water, roads

Residents may vote in April to enlarge the town's water-treatment plant, to provide more drinking water to Andover and surrounding towns. Hundreds of residents will hook into town sewer in the next few years, as the largest sewer expansion in town history continues.

In other words, it will be a busy year for the Public Works Department.

As the director of Public Works, **Jack Petkus** runs many of the town's most essential operations, including providing the town with clean water, disposing of the town's liquid and solid waste, and clearing and repairing the roads.

The Engineering Division, led by town engineer **Brian Moore**, prepares plans, oversees the bidding for town projects and reviews subdivision plans for the Planning Board.

The Robert E. McQuade Water Treatment Plant can provide 24 million gallons of fresh water per day. However, the town is studying the need to upgrade



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

**A massive sewer expansion project will continue tearing up roads – and bringing sewer to hundreds of residents.**

the plant at a cost of more than \$10 million.

The Water and Sewer Division oversees both residents' drinking water and the sanitary sewer system, which services about half of Andover's households. The sewerage is treated at the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District facility in North Andover.

A \$30 million sewer expansion project is currently underway. It is scheduled for completion between 2004 and 2006. Some residents have already begun hooking into town sewer.

**Superintendent John F. Canavan Jr.**, head of the Highway Division, is responsible for street sweeping, snow removal, drainage and maintenance.

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After two years and some significant delays, the town has completed half the construction on the new \$13 million facility.

The police department recently moved into its new quarters and the town demolished the old building in August. The fire department's Central Station, which formerly resided at North Main Street, is now split between temporary quarters at Spring Grove Cemetery and West Andover Fire Station. Firefighters are scheduled to move into their half of the new building downtown when it is completed, next June.

### Police and fire

The police department, headed by **Chief Brian Pattullo**, consists of 52 sworn officers and about 11 civilian employees, including a parking supervisor



FILE PHOTO BY NINI FATER

The fire department has investigated about 50 fires in the last two years.

and an animal-control officer.

**Fire Chief Chuck Murnane** is in charge of the fire department, which includes 72 sworn firefighters, who are all EMTs. This year, the town will study the pros and cons of training all firefighters to become para-

medics.

Fire stations are also located in west Andover at the intersection of Chandler and Greenwood roads, and in Ballardvale at the intersection of Clark Road and Andover Street.

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Its four divisions administer and enforce the town's building, health and environmental regulations. The department issues all permits for buildings, plumbing, gas, electrical, sewer and septic systems.

**Stephen L. Colyer**, planning director, **Lisa LaGrasse Schwarz**, senior planner, **Paul Materazzo**, planner and **Paula Hamel**, administrative secretary, coordinate residential, commercial and industrial development plans, and enforce the Planning Board's regulations.

The planners are liaisons to several Merrimack Valley regional agencies.

**Kaija M. Gilmore**, inspector of buildings, enforces zoning bylaws, reviews building plans, issues building permits, ensures compliance with state and local building codes and advises the

Zoning Board of Appeals when requested.

### Health department

Andover's health officials have taken a proactive role in preventing illness by providing flu shots, collecting dead birds and mosquitos to test for the presence of the West Nile virus, and pushing to ban smoking in more and more areas.

Andover continues to try to limit smoking in town, and 2001 Town Meeting strengthened the town's anti-smoking policy, leaving stand-alone bars as the only public establishments where people can smoke.

**Everett Penney** is the town's health director. **Dan Tremblay** is the health officer, **Joanne Martel** is the public health nurse and **Patricia Crafts** is the health

agent.

The Board of Health, a volunteer board of residents, administers a number of health programs and organizes the annual hazardous waste collection at West Elementary School.

### Planning Board



Flu shots are among the services offered by the health department.

**Paul Salafia** heads the five-member Planning Board, which oversees subdivision and zoning bylaws. The board maintains a master plan of the town and revises it when necessary. Members of the volunteer board are appointed by the town manager for five-year terms.

Current members are Chairman **Salafia**, Vice chairwoman **Susan W. Aloviseti**, **Vincent Chiozzi**, **Linn N. Anderson**, **Sheila Doherty** and **John**

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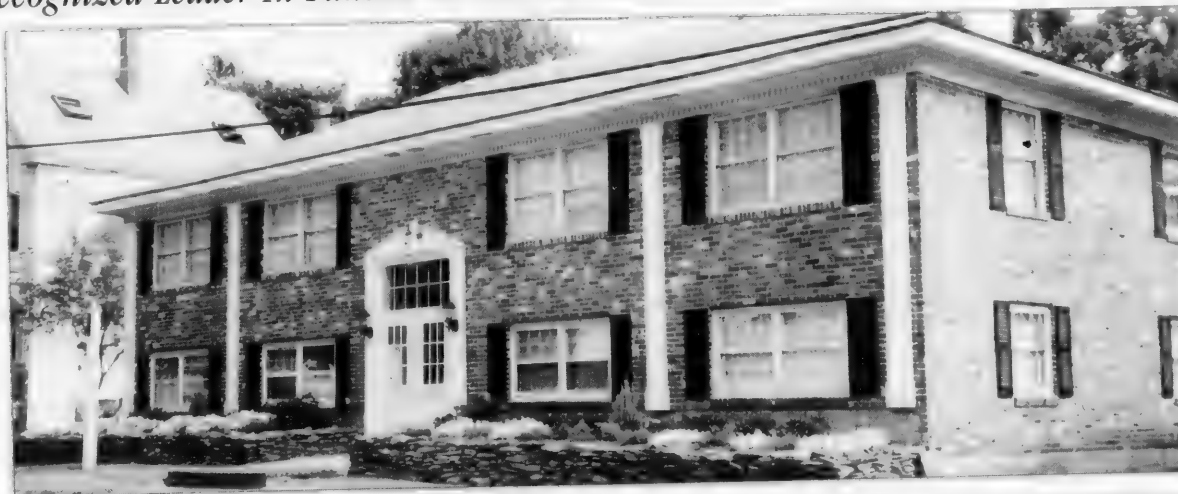
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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### ■ PLANNING BOARD

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**McDonnell**, associate member. The board meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

### Conservation

The seven-member Conservation Commission oversees the town's 1,728 acres of open space and wetlands by working with developers and home owners to enforce compliance with state wetlands laws.

Members are appointed for three-year terms and include Chairman **Donald D. Cooper**, Robert A. Pustell, Paul J. Finger, Thomas Murphy, Philip Sutherland, Marcia Miller and Howard M. Kassler.

Commissioners are assisted by **James Greer**, conservation director. The Conservation Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Town

Offices.

While the commission controls 1,728 of Andover's 19,900 acres, other groups protect land and provide space for passive recreation, as well. The private Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS) owns about 1,000 acres and another 889 is owned by the state, at Harold Parker State Forest.

### Zoning Board

The five-member Zoning Board of Appeals hears petitions for special permits and variances from the town's zoning bylaws. Board members are appointed for three years.

Regular members include: Chairman **Daniel S. Casper**, Carol C. McDonough, Paul Bevacqua, Peter F. Reilly and Pamela H. Mitchell. Associate members include: Steve Anderson. David Brown, Nancy Jeton

and Lynne Batchelder.

**Barbara Burke** is assistant to the ZBA. The board meets the first Thursday of each month.

### Preservation Commission

**Karen M. Herman** is chairwoman of the Andover Preservation Commission.

The Preservation Commission aims to preserve, protect, and develop the historical, architectural and archaeological assets of Andover. The commission was established by vote of Town Meeting in 1970 and the first seven members were appointed in 1971.

In addition to Herman, current members are **Norma Gammon**, **Dennis Ingram**, **Raymond H. Flynn**, **Ann Constantine**, **James Batchelder** and **Mark DeLisio**. They meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, at Town Offices.



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## Public schools

## Two new schools now open

Andover opened the doors of two new schools this September.

The bulk of the construction on High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools wrapped up days before school was scheduled to begin. The \$34-million project – a single building that houses both schools – is now receiving finishing touches. The schools are located at the intersection of High Plain Road and Cross Street.

Claudia Bach, superintendent of schools, supervises 10 schools and almost 6,000 students with this addition. She develops and implements a \$47-million budget with the help of business manager Bernie Tuttle. Bach recently hired new Assistant Superintendent Marcia Adams O'Neil. Ray Tode oversees school technology, including a pilot program that uses laptops in classrooms at South and West elementary schools.

Students in any area of town can attend Shawsheen School, which serves kindergarten through grade 2.

## Technical School

Greater Lawrence Technical School is a regional school located on River Road that enrolls about 1,400 students from Andover, North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence.

Only about 12 students from Andover take advantage of this school annually. Frank Vacirca is superintendent, Marybeth Sullivan, principal, and Andover's representative to the school is Kenneth T. Hamilton. The school is in the middle of a multi-million-dollar expansion project, which should be complete in 2004. The project has moved its culinary-arts and body-shop areas to provide easier public access

## What's its history?: Sanborn School

Sanborn Elementary School is named after Henry Sanborn. He was the first superintendent of schools in Andover, from 1916 to 1939, and was a man known for his progressive ideas.

**Pike:** Cynthia E. Pike founded The Pike School on her sun porch at 126 Lowell St., in 1926. She moved the school to 5 Porter Road in 1944 where it stayed until the current building on Sunset Rock Road was built in 1963. (More on private schools, see page 13A.)



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Andover students are taking buses to two new schools this year: High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School opened this school year. They share some facilities, and construction is continuing in some areas.

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## Town finances

## Aaa bond-rated, but a difficult year ahead

Andover has maintained an Aaa bond rating from Moody's, the highest possible rating, for a second consecutive year.

Officials credit that achievement to the town's financial experts, who work together to develop a balanced budget, a capital spending plan and oversee all town finances.

**Anthony J. Torrisi**, finance and budget director, is responsible for revenue, budget management, financial planning, scheduling capital spending with the town manager, and the preparation of the annual town budget presented to the citizens at Town Meeting.

**Rodney P. Smith**, town accountant, is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and is responsible for overseeing the daily accounting and payroll functions. He also serves as



Joanne Marden

a member of the town's retirement board. He records all town expenditures and makes sure departments operate within their annual budgets. Smith also must audit all departments and annually report the town's financial status to the town's residents.

**Bruce Symmes**, the town's assessor, evaluates and maintains records of property values in Andover. His office handles real-estate and personal-property valuations, motor-vehicle excise taxes

and exemptions for veterans and the elderly. His office assessed all residential, commercial and industrial property for the first time this year since 1999. Properties saw a 30- to 50-percent increase in value.

Collector/Treasurer **David Reilly** collects and disburses all of the town's money. He also invests and

borrows money when voted to do so at Town Meeting. Residents pay their water bills, tax bills, motor-vehicle excise tax, and permit fees at his office.

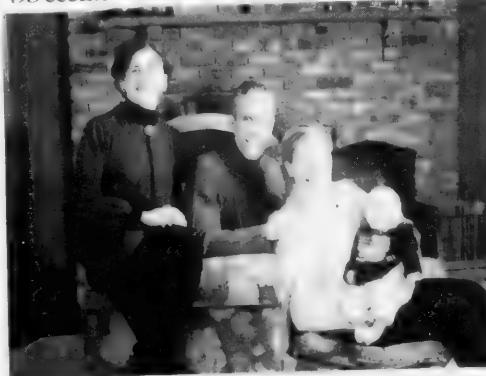
## Finance Committee

The nine-member Finance Committee reviews budget requests from the town manager and other town department heads, and makes recommendations to Town Meeting. Members are appointed by the town moderator.

Members include Chairwoman **Joanne Marden**, Margaret Jurgen, Carl Byers, Thomas Fardy, Harold Wright, Mary O'Donoghue, Debra Silberstein, Margaret Bradshaw and Timothy Felter. The Finance Committee usually meets the third Wednesday of each month, and weekly during the budget process and near Town Meeting.

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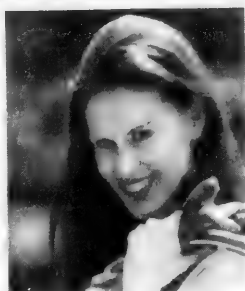
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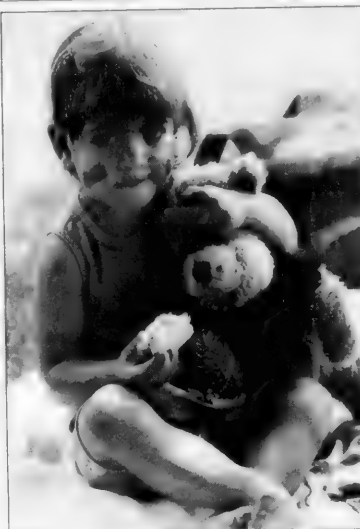
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Lists of the courses offered each season are

sent out to residents in the mail. DCS is staffed by only a handful of people. Mary Donohue is the head of the department. Kim Stamas is the recreation coordinator.

Residents wanting to volunteer or to find out more about the Department of Community Services may call 978-623-8274, or visit Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. The department is on the main floor, to the right after one enters the main entrance.

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Community Services offers programs for people of all ages, but a recent Teddy Bear Picnic was clearly geared for youngsters such as Grace O'Hara.

## YOUTH SERVICES

Andover Youth Services runs programs generally designed for middle- and high-school-aged kids, including its summer program, and after-school programs such as Andover Youth Council, intramurals, snowboarding trips, boys and girls lacrosse, and the Andover Community Skate Park.

Bill Fahey is head of the department, assisted by Glenn Wilson. For more information, call their office on the top floor of Town Offices, located next to Doherty Middle School, at 978-623-8241. Check out the AYS Web site at <[www.andoveryouthservices.com](http://www.andoveryouthservices.com)>.

### Youth center?

A private fundraising group called the Andover Youth Foundation has pledged to raise about \$4 million to build a youth center in West Andover, near the West Andover Fire Station. Town Meeting has already given the foundation land on which to build. Once the center is built, it will be turned back over to the town.

The foundation includes several former town officials, including selectmen and the previous public works director. It has already received one donation for \$1.5 million, and other donations since a Nov. 2 auction last year bring the total to about \$2.4 million.

Organizers are also doing something they say has never been done before in town to raise money. Hoping to raise \$100,000, they are hosting a four-day telethon that will be broadcast live on Andover's cable station, Jan. 28 to 31, 2003.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Andover Community Skate Park is one of the new offerings created by Andover's youth services program. Now, a private group is raising money to build a youth center.

## PLANT AND FACILITIES

Andover's 1.3-million square-foot of town buildings and 100-plus acres of fields fall under the caretaking of the Plant and Facilities Department.

Joe Piantadosi, Plant and Facilities director, heads the department's eight divisions: building maintenance; electrical, heating and ventilation and plumbing; cemetery; forestry; parks and grounds; vehicle maintenance; municipal build-

ings; and administrative.

Piantadosi also oversees the town's capital-improvement projects, including the construction of the new \$12.9-million public-safety center.

Workers have begun phase two of the project, the fire department's quarters. The police department moved into its completed portion of the building in August. Piantadosi says the facility will be finished by early next summer.

## ELDER SERVICES

Seniors who live in Andover and other local communities come to the Andover Senior Center, on Whittier Court, behind Doherty Middle School, to socialize, take exercise classes, learn crafts and cooking or share a meal.

Jeanne Madden, director of Elder Services, oversees the center, where the list of activities and programs are constantly growing and changing.

Popular activities include twice-weekly exercise classes, such as yoga and low-impact aerobics. Bus trips to the Boston Symphony Orchestra or a museum also fill up fast. Seminars and brown bag lectures on health and wellness, and activities with Andover High School and Merrimack College students are popular, and craft classes like painting and woodcarving are held regularly. Speakers frequently visit the center.

A group looking to build a new senior center has hired an



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Jane Wila took part in a recent quilting class at the Andover Senior Center.

architect, and Town Meeting will vote on whether to approve \$350,000 toward a new center.

Malies Zammuto and Judy Trerotola chair the Council on Aging. Other members include:

Martin Epstein, Robert Schreiber, Elizabeth Tice, Doreen Correnti, Zeff Marusich, Maureen Jandovitz, William Ryan and Richard Bowen.

## VETERANS SERVICES



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover's veterans services helps veterans receive the benefits they have earned, and arranges tributes to them on holidays and at other times. The town's veterans' service agent is John Doherty, who can be reached at 978-623-8218. He works on the first floor of Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., just to the left as one enters the building.

## OLD TOWN HALL

The staff at the Andover Town House, aka Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., have been helping people learn more about Andover since 1989, when the renovation of the 1858 building was completed. In addition to the post office annex, the building is home to the Council on

Aging Drop-in Center, the town's Welcome Center, the town and school facilities rental office, and a function hall on the second floor that can be rented.

The public restrooms and the post office annex are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 8 a.m.

to noon. The Welcome Center and the facilities rental office are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the Council on Aging Drop-in Center operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call Lisa Wilson at 978-623-8450.

## What's its history?: Memorial Auditorium

Memorial Auditorium was built in 1935 to honor Andover residents who served in World War I. Attached to Doherty Middle School, it is used as the school's auditorium and for special town events.



The view from the bandstand in the Park, Bartlet and Chestnut Streets.

The names of residents who fought and died in World War I are printed on a bronze plaque in the foyer. The plaque reads "In honor of those who served and in proud memory of those who died in the World War." The 20 residents who died while fighting with the allied forces have a star by their name.

Fourteen of these 20 died fighting in the United States armed forces.

On Sept. 11, 2002 the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks that struck the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon, a memorial ceremony was held at the auditorium.

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# ANNUAL ANDOVER HAPPENINGS

By Judy Wakefield

"Can't miss" Andover events are plentiful! In May, it's the Andona Society's annual Clown Town, which turns the Park into a carnival, complete with rides, games and cotton candy machines. Later this month, it's the annual Feaster Five, a Thanksgiving Day road race that brings thousands of competitive athletes, average runners and walkers to town. It's all for charity and participants go on a food strike for the stomach as they plan to stuff later in the day.

For those who celebrate Christmas, the Brickstone Tree lighting and a related Santa's Village are always a big draw, with thousands of cars coming to see the often-100-foot-tall tree during December.

We've got the run down on this hot list, categorized month-by-month. Here goes:

## NOVEMBER

Taste of Andover, Chamber of Commerce's annual event showcases local restaurants. Attendees bring their appetites for samples of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and other goodies from 14 local restaurants. The 400 tickets are always sold out.

"After All These Years" is this year's Andona Society's annual charity ball. The event celebrates the 50 years of this organization. It's an Andover institution with some 200 local women as current and former members. The group is committed to raising money for various programs for kids in Andover.

Merrimack Junior Theatre presents a children's musical twice a year in November and in March. This non-profit children's theater is currently celebrating its 15th anniversary. Always a sell-out, the event features mostly middle-school students from Andover and shows are staged at Doherty

Middle School. Call MJT president Corinne Gediman, 978-475-3422, or <gediman@attbi.com>.

"Holly Balls" for young Andover girls and their dads is a must-go. Sold-out last year with over 100 names on the wait list, organizers decided to offer residents two of these balls this year. Girls ages 5 and under will be escorted to Old Town Hall on Friday. It is sponsored by Department of Community Services.

Feaster Five Road Race, 5-mile and five-kilometer races and a one-kilometer run for kids. It starts at Shawsheen Square section of town with runners organizing at the Brickstone Square office complex. This year marks the 15th annual Feaster Five, co-sponsored by The Eagle-Tribune and Smith & Nephew. It always takes place on Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds benefit Lazarus House of Lawrence and Home Health VNA.

## DECEMBER

Andover Firefighters' Santa Parade, downtown Andover. The parade begins at Doherty Middle School at 1 p.m. on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. This annual parade features student marching bands, fire trucks, model cars and, of course, an appearance by Santa Claus who waves from an Andover fire truck.

Brickstone Tree Lighting Ceremony, Brickstone Square, Andover. Each year, a local tree gets the chance to be erected at Brickstone Square, decorated with thousands of lights and designated the largest Christmas tree in the nation. Lighting is always the Sunday after Thanksgiving at 6 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy Santa's Village, a petting zoo and more, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings through Christmas Eve.

The Nutcracker, by New England Civic Ballet, sold out each of

## TOWN SWIMMING HOLE

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Pomps Pond, Andover's public swimming hole, opens as school closes in June. Run by the Department of Community Services, Andover residents pay \$50 for a sticker and can use the pond all summer. Canoeing, kayaking, windsurfing, sailing and swim lessons are available. DCS 978-623-8273.



its three shows last year. Always held at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, the show is set for the first weekend in December. Dance Prism, is another dance company that comes to the Collins Center every year for its production of The Nutcracker. They perform the second weekend of December.

Holiday Open House, presented by the Andover Center Association, downtown Andover. Enjoy holiday shopping and children's activities on the first Friday of December. For more information, write to the association at P.O. Box 5001, Andover, MA 01810.

Breakfast with Santa, The Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), Main Street, Andover. The Andover Center Association welcomes children to eat breakfast with Santa Claus. For more information, write to the association at P.O. Box 5001, Andover, MA 01810.

## FEBRUARY

Father/Daughter Valentine Dance, Old Town Hall, Andover. The Department of Community Services holds this annual event every February. It is typically held on a Friday night close to Valentine's Day. Call DCS at 978-623-8274 for more information.

## MARCH

St. Patrick's Day event, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Street, Andover. The senior center holds an event in celebration of St. Patrick's Day every year. Call for details. 978-623-8321.

Spring Fling, presented annually by the Andona Society and the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. The event is for middle-schoolers. There will be a deejay

for dancing, swimming, basketball, pizza and snacks.

## APRIL

Spring Coloring Contest, Andover. The Andover Center Association sponsors the contest for children throughout the month of April. For more information, write to the association at P.O. Box 5001, Andover, MA 01810.

Andover Fund for Education hosts its annual spelling bee. School officials take part along with nearly 20 teams from local schools and businesses.

The event usually happens the first Friday in April. Call AFE President Jim McConaughy, 978-685-3000.

## MAY

Crafts in the Park, in the Park, Bartlet Street. The annual fundraiser, sponsored by the Andover chapter of American Field Service (an international student exchange program), is generally held on Mother's Day weekend. Crafters sell their wares in booths around the park. 978-794-9909.

Clown Town, presented by the Andona Society, The Park, Bartlet Street. The two-day event features plenty of rides, games, food, and fun for families. Held the

third weekend of May, hours are 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds from this popular event are used for various youth programs in Andover. Call Lisa McDonald, Andona president, 978-475-9397.

## JUNE

Bazaar Days, presented by the Andover Center Association, downtown Andover. Main Street is closed off to cars for two days to make way for sidewalk sales, entertainment, games and food, held in mid-June. For more information, write to the association at P.O. Box 5001, Andover, MA 01810.

## JULY

Fourth of July Festivities, Andover. Activities on July 4 include a Horribles Parade down Main Street, a pancake breakfast and games in The Park and fireworks. 978-623-8200.

Summer Concert Series, The Park, Andover. The Department of Community Services presents concerts every Wednesday night during July and August. 978-623-8274.



FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover kids enjoy dressing up for the July 4 Horribles Parade each year.

## SEPTEMBER

Art in the Park, in the Park, Bartlet Street. The event, sponsored by the Andovers Artists Guild, generally takes place during the third weekend of September. The day-long art exhibit and sale benefits the guild's scholarship fund. 978-683-8789.

## OCTOBER

Harvest Moon Ball, presented by the Department of Community Services, Old Town Hall, offers swing, Latin and ballroom dancing. Hosted by dance instructors Steve and Linda White, the event is always held in late October or early November. DCS, 978-623-8274.



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Thousands come to Andover and join residents in running or walking the Feaster Five Road Race, a real competition that is also used to raise money for charity.

## ANDOVER BUSINESS



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Andover, a town with hundreds of miles zoned for commercial and industrial development, sits conveniently between interstates 93, 95 and 495. Town employees credit Andover's early planners, who decided years ago to zone the commercial and industrial districts around those major highways, with the town's commercial success.

Andover is an attractive place to live for commuters who work in Boston, as the three major

roads into the city are minutes away from downtown.

The interstates also provide easy access to major corporations for employees and customers region-wide. That kind of back-and-forth travel also supports the local economy, hotels and jobs.

Major companies in Andover include Raytheon Co., a plant that builds the Patriot missile; Wyeth BioPharma, a national pharmaceutical company that employs 2,000 people and recently began manufacturing a bone-growth protein; and Nav-iSite, an international Web-site hosting provider and owner of streaming video technology.

### What's its history?: Barnard Building

The Barnard Building on Main Street is named after an Andover family. Jacob W. Barnard was a poor boy from Ballardvale who delivered blueberries to prominent Andoverites. Barnard reportedly liked to joke that,

"one day he was going to own a big house on Main Street." Eventually he did.

In 1895, he had a shoe shop at 19 Barnard St. that employed 200 making hand-sewn footwear. Barnard's son, Henry, built the Barnard Block at Main and Park streets in 1910, replacing a meat market. Tenants of what is now known as the Barnard Building have included a pharmacy owned in succession by Crowley, Lowe, Dal-



ton, and Hughes, Ford's Bakery/Coffee Shop and Cole Hardware. In 1982, the Barnard block was placed on the National Register of Historic Places after its restoration by William J. Scanlon. Tom Belheumer bought it in 1994. It currently houses several retail businesses including Bruegger's Bagels, Starbucks Coffee, Kabloom, Athlete's Corner, Vincenzo's Restaurant, Christina's Bridal Shop, and Gold's Gym.

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OWNER	PROPERTY VALUE
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John Callahan	39 million
Yvon Cormier	36.6 million
David Bolger	33 million
Henry Audesse	16 million
Donald Richmond	14 million
Anthony DiNapoli	11.3 million
Tom Belheumer	10 million
COMPANIES	
Wyeth BioPharma	117 million
Philips Medical Systems	63 million
Raytheon Co.	41 million
Gillette Co.	36 million
Vicor Corp.	29 million
Riverview Commons	16 million
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Source: Andover assessor's records/2002 revaluation

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### By Sharon Magnuson Andover Recycling Committee

Andover has an active town-wide recycling program. The program is beneficial to both the environment and the town pocketbook, as Andover's trash-disposal costs are burdensome.

The core recycling activity is curbside pickup of recyclables on trash day every other week. A yellow brochure "Andover Recycles" gives the schedule for when recycled goods are picked up on each street. The brochure is available in the lobby of town offices and in the library on the lower level near the elevator. Another source of information is the Andover Recycling Committee's Web site: <[www.town.andover.ma.us/recycle](http://www.town.andover.ma.us/recycle)>.

Residents should put items they want to recycle in a blue recycling bin available at Andover's water treatment plant on Lowell Street.

#### Collected curbside

**Paper:** Clean paper, including newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, envelopes,

## RECYCLING

paper bags, phone books, computer paper, file folders, fax paper, stationery, all books (remove hard covers), spiral notebooks, boxboard (such as cereal boxes - remove liners). Place in paper bags or bundle with string. No plastic wrap, wax paper, food-stained paper, Kleenex or paper towels.

**Glass:** Clear, green and brown are OK. Please rinse before recycling. No dishes, windows, ceramics, light bulbs, mirrors, Pyrex or broken glass.

**Plastics:** All No. 1 through No. 7 plastics (numbers are usually stamped on bottoms of containers). Also all Styrofoam packing pieces, but not Styrofoam peanuts or food trays. Please rinse and crush, if possible, to save space. No plastic wrap, packing peanuts, plastic bags or rubber bands.

**Metal containers and aluminum materials:** Steel and tin cans and containers, and any materials made of aluminum. Rinse and crush, if possible. Caps, lids and labels are OK.

#### Corrugated cardboard:

Break down, flatten and fold boxes and other pieces of cardboard into two-by-two-foot pieces, then tie or tape them together and place next to the recycling bin. No greasy or food-stained cardboard (like pizza boxes).

#### How to Recycle Curbside

Place glass and metal containers, aluminum and plastics on the bottom of a blue recycling bin. Place paper materials in brown paper bags or bundle with string, and place on top of the other recyclables or stack next to the blue bin. Corrugated cardboard should be placed next to the blue bin. Place the recycling bin and other recyclables at the curb by 7 a.m.

#### What to do with banned items

Andover holds household hazardous waste (HHW) collections and cathode ray tube (CRT) and TV collections in the spring and fall. The next HHW collection will be held May 10, 2003, and the next CRT collection is May 17.

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### YARD WASTE, COMPOSTING

Leaves and grass clippings can be taken to the compost site on High Plain Road (Bald Hill area). The site is open year-round for walk-ins and as announced in the local newspapers for drive-ins. Leaves are collected curbside six weeks a year, as announced in the papers. A collection will be held late fall of this year.

### TRASH COMPLAINTS OR INQUIRIES

Call BFI Waste at 800-442-9006.

### LICENSES

For birth certificate, marriage, fishing and hunting licenses, storage of inflammables licenses or entertainment licenses, call the town clerk's office: 978-623-8255.

### DISPOSING OF APPLIANCES

Appliances cannot be left at curbside with trash – their disposal is the homeowner's responsibility. Suggestions for disposal: Call New England Metal Recycling at 860 East St. in Tewksbury at 877-895-8300, hire a private contractor, or check with the company where the new appliance was purchased to see if it will take the old appliance.

### POTHOLE, SNOW-REMOVAL COMPLAINTS

Call the highway department at 978-623-8426.

### TAX INFORMATION

Taxes are due quarterly on the following dates: Aug. 1, Nov. 1, Feb. 1 and May 1. For excise tax information, call the assessor's office or contact the Registry of Motor Vehicles at 617-351-9380.

### TOWN NEWS

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**Amateur Radio Andover** supports events such as river flood watches, parades and fireworks celebrations. Amateur radio operators, using the 146.835-megahertz repeater located on Holt Hill, provide emergency and public event communications. All "hams" are welcome to check into weekly nets on Monday at 7 p.m. on 146.835. Contact Jeff Hall at 978-475-1062.

**American Association of University Women, Merrimack Valley branch,** works to unite graduates of accredited colleges and universities to promote education and equity for women and girls. Membership in AAUW promotes personal growth, friendship, community involvement and an opportunity to network with individuals of diverse professional backgrounds. The branch raises funds to support local and national scholarships and collaborates with community organizations to provide outreach programs for women and girls. Call Tish Bachmann at 978-470-0290.

**The Andona Society** is a volunteer organization of more than 100 women. Founded in 1952, the society is dedicated to supporting local youth-oriented organizations, providing scholarships and "camper-ships" to resident youth and donating to community service projects. For more information, send a request to the membership chair-



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

**A Better Chance students will soon have a larger Andover home, as a construction project is just beginning.**

woman, The Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover 01810.

### Andovers Artists Guild

All interested persons, professionals, students and emerging artists are welcome and encouraged to join the Guild. Monthly demonstration meetings, art shows and Art in the Park in Andover are scheduled for 2002-2003. Student artists supported by scholarship funds. Contact Elaine Meisinger at 978-475-5518.

**Andover AFS** is an intercultural program that promotes international student exchanges. AFS is devoted to finding host families here for these students for the school year.

The students attend Andover and North Andover high schools. The organization also provides applications for local students who are interested in going abroad for a summer or year-long program. Call Pat O'Neil, 978-475-6829.

**Andover Center Association** supports downtown businesses. For more information, write to Tom Keefe, P.O. Box 5001, Andover 01810.

**Andover Choral Society** meets every Monday at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church on Central Street. No auditions are necessary. Contact Catherine Bruton at 978-687-8225 for more information.

**Andover Community Trust, Inc.** Andover Community Trust (ACT) was founded to promote and develop permanently affordable housing in the town of Andover in order to retain an economically diverse population that includes low and moderate income households. In selling an ACT home, preference is given to income eligible applicants who live, work, have grown up or have children in school in the Town of Andover. The first ACT home was built by students from the Greater Lawrence Technical School, under faculty supervision. Located at 6 Locke St. Call Susan Stott, president, at 978-475-3748.

**Andover Cub Scout Pack 77** meets Monday nights during the school year from 7 to 8 at West Parish Church on Reservation Road. Open to boys in 1st through 5th grade who want to do fun things with other kids - like hiking, building things, selling popcorn, and community service. For more information, contact Cubmaster Charles

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## ANDOVER HOUSING MARKET

Those who are looking to buy a home in Andover should set their sights high – because that's where the prices are.

Andover's real-estate market is still soaring upwards, despite an economy that continues to struggle. Property values jumped 30 to 50 percent as a result of this year's revaluation, bumping the average single-family home's worth from \$353,000 last year to \$459,000 this year.

The average selling price of that average home is even higher – approximately \$533,000, says Chris Doherty of Prudential Howe & Doherty realtors.

The highest-valued home in Andover is a three-story, 12,000-square-foot residence on Corniers Way for \$3.76 million.

With land already hard to come by, and the town slowly approaching its maximum capacity for development, builders are razing smaller homes to make way for bigger, more expensive houses.

Approximately 8.5 percent of Andover's total housing stock is considered affordable, according to the state's standards. Some groups in Andover are committed to increasing that figure.

Andover Community Trust is a private group that built and sold its first permanently affordable home last year. The Haverhill Street house is deeded so that its resale value cannot grow faster than the median income of the area. ACT is in the process of choosing a site for its next project.

### What's its history?: Balmoral condos

Shawsheen Village became the world headquarters for textiles in the 1920s, thanks to the building now known as Balmoral Condominiums.

William Madison Wood, president of the former American Woolen Company, designed and planned the early layout of Shawsheen Village, where the Balmoral – built in 1924 for \$2 million – was to be the company's executive offices. The company itself had more than 60 mills spread throughout New England, New York and Pennsylvania, with several in Lawrence. The concept behind Shawsheen Village was that every employee at the executive office would have no more than a 10-minute walk to work. Top administrators lived in the brick homes and clerks and lower-class



workers resided in white clapboard houses.

The company's offices vacated the Balmoral building in 1926 after Wood's death. The building housed Pike School in the 1940s and then the Sacred Heart School.

Today, the former office suites are remodeled as stately condos. But all marks of the building's history are not lost – rams' heads are carved into the window arches of the Balmoral's stone walls and a condensed history hangs on a plaque inside.

The Affordable Housing Partnership Committee is a voluntary board established by town officials. Members are brainstorming ways to create more affordable housing in town. They also review comprehensive permit applications – applications that, if granted, allow developers to bypass regular zoning restrictions, as long as the project includes an affordable component.

Some residents have complained that comprehensive-permit projects are too dense for the neighborhoods in which they are proposed.

In April, Andover voters rejected the Community Preservation Act. The CPA would have raised property taxes to set the money aside for historical preservation, open-space acquisition and affordable housing.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

Christine Metzmaekers is the director of the Andover Housing Authority, which oversees the rental of 274 public housing units in various locations. There is elderly housing at Chestnut Court, Grandview Terrace, Stowe Court and Frye Circle. Family housing is at Memorial Circle. In total, there are 218 senior housing units and

56 family units.

The housing authority oversees a variety of programs including rental assistance and a family self-sufficiency program. There are five members of the Andover Housing Authority, four of whom were elected during one of the town's spring-time elections. One is appointed by the governor. Each

member serves a five-year term.

Current members are: Ronald Hajj, Norma Villarreal, James Cuticchia, Francis O'Connor and Calvin Deyermood.

Tenant Council representatives are Jeannie Cook of the Elderly Tenants Council, and Robert Fraize of the Family Tenants Council.

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Nickerson at 978-475-7161 or <Cnicker@aol.com>, or committee chairman Reid Simpson at 978-475-1973 or <ReidSimpson@attbi.com>.

**Andover Dollars for Scholars** Raises funds for scholarships through tax check-off and fund raisers. The annual fund raiser is the Yard Sale held at West Middle School the first Saturday in May. Contact Cynthia Milne for information at 978-475-8866 during the evening.

**Andover Democratic Town Committee** supports and represents democratic candidates and ideals. The group's 35 members are elected by ballot on presidential-year ballots. Many associates are elected throughout the year as non-voting members. All meetings are open to the public. Contact Nancy Stolberg at 978-470-2784.

**Andover Historical Society** and Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum celebrate the rich history of Andover and the greater Merrimack Valley. The museum recreates the life and times of a typical middle class New England family in the early 19th century and offers a variety of educational programs to individuals and groups of all ages. Located at 97 Main St., telephone: 978-475-2236, fax: 978-470-2741, e-mail: <info@and-hist.org>, Web site: <www.and-hist.org>. Elaine Clements Zopes is the new executive director.

**Andover Fly Fishers** is a loosely organized group of enthusiasts who share their experiences (and some interesting lies) during the off-season. They meet at Christ Episcopal Church on Central Street on

Tuesday evenings 12 times from October through April. The meetings usually feature slide or video presentations from member or guest speakers. Interested fly fishers should contact Fred Cummings at 978-475-4167, or Dan Conlon at 978-475-4481, or write to Andover Fly Fishers, Box 204, Andover 01810.

**Andover Fund for Education** is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to supporting Andover's public schools. Member contributions support projects beyond the scope of the regular school budget and fund an endowment to benefit students well into the future. For more information, call Jim McConaughy at 978-475-9781.

**The Andover Garden Club**, now in its 75th year, is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and flower design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region. The club seeks new members who are interested in these activities. Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from membership chair Karen Schnorrenberg (978-474-8973, <karensberg@attbi.com>).

**Andover Racquets Club** is open to squash players of all levels. Members play on nine courts (four international) and participate in league and tournament play. Call Murray Smith at 978-470-8759.

**The Andover Republican**

**Town Committee** is comprised of 35 members, elected in four-year cycles during the presidential primary. The purpose of the town committee is to promote and support all Republican policies and candidates. Anyone interested in joining may contact Charles F. Dalton Jr. at 978-470-1320.

**Andover Tennis Club**, has singles, doubles and mixed doubles tennis, scheduled round-robins as well as individually scheduled play, outdoor courts at Phillips Academy rented for summer play and limited indoor courts for fall, winter and spring play. Write to Andover Tennis Club, P.O. Box 404, Andover 01810 or visit its Web site at <www.andovertennis.org>.

**Andover Trails Committee** is a citizens' group seeking to protect recreational green space and to establish, maintain and improve trails for walking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing. The committee meets the third Tuesday of alternate months, September through May, at 7 p.m. at the town offices. Contact acting chair Alan French at 978-475-4910.

**Bay Circuit Alliance** is a volunteer organization that works to establish the Bay Circuit Trail, Boston's outer "Emerald Necklace," through more than 50 towns and to protect additional open space. Contact Chairman Alan French at 978-470-1982, or see its Web site at <www.baycircuit.org>.

**The Betsy Ross/Samuel Adams chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** meets the second Wednesday of the month, October through June, at 11 a.m. The group presents patriotic and his-

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The service was cut in half this summer due to a shortage of state money. The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority eliminated Route 22, which covered Ballardvale, and lengthened Route 21.

That route now makes stops at the YMCA and Doctors Park on Haverhill Street; Frye Circle and Shawsheen Plaza on North Main Street; Andover Commons on Railroad Street; and the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court.

To supplement that service, MVRTA has started its Ring and Ride program in Andover, tailored to bring services to Ballardvale.

With Ring and Ride, residents must call MVRTA one day ahead to schedule a ride. The bus will meet them at the most convenient bus stop that existed on the former Route 22. The cost is \$2 for residents or \$1 for seniors, students, children and disabled riders.

Route 32 services downtown Andover, crosses Broadway in Lawrence and stops at the Buckley Transportation Building in Lawrence. MVRTA also provides a special bus for employees of the Internal Revenue Service and Raytheon Co. to downtown Lawrence.

MVRTA also provides service to Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill and Newburyport.

EZTRANS is a bus service run by MVRTA for elders and people with disabilities. Applications for EZTRANS are required and can be obtained at the Andover Senior Center.

All routes, other than Ring and Ride, cost \$1. Senior citizens aged 60 and older, disabled riders and students can ride for 50 cents. Children aged 5 and younger are allowed to ride free with an adult.

Schedules can be found at Town Offices, Old Town Hall and the Andover Senior Center. For more information, call the MVRTA at 978-469-1254 or visit the Web site at <www.mvrta.com>.

### Commuter bus

Trombly Bus Lines provides commuter bus service from Andover to Boston Monday through Friday. Buses leave from three stops in Andover: Shawsheen Square on North

### Recycling of vehicle waste (batteries, oil)

Lead-acid vehicle batteries should be returned to a service station or retailer, according to the town recycling committee.

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Main Street from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.; Main Street in front of Old Andover Village from 6:35 to 7:35 a.m.; and Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street from 6:40 to 7:40 a.m.

Buses leave Boston to return to Andover between 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for a one-way fare. Children younger than 12 can ride free. Commuters must pay the bus driver cash only.

Discount books offering 10 one-way tickets are available for \$40 and have no expiration. Schedules are available at Town Offices and at the reference desk at Memorial Hall Library. Call 978-937-3626 for more information.

### MBTA commuter rail

Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority trains provide commuter rail service between Haverhill and Boston for Andover residents. Trains stop at the commuter stations on Railroad and Andover streets, where parking is available. Schedules and fare information can be picked up at the reference desk at Memorial Hall Library and by calling the MBTA at 800-392-6100 or 617-222-3200. Information is also available at <www.mbta.com>.

### Taxi service

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### Hours

Winter hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Memorial Hall Library has a staff of more than 60 and its collections hold more than 250,000 volumes and 15,000 compact disks, audiotapes, CD-ROMs and videotapes. More than a half-million items are circulated from the library by more than 31,000 card holders. The library also houses a special collection of Chinese and Russian materials. For the purposes of research and reference, the library makes available access to the Internet through 17 computers (one in Chinese) in the reference and children's areas. It offers access to online databases, which provide citations and full-text articles in thousands of journals and newspapers.

The Ebsco database is accessible to home users with library cards through <www.mhl.org>. Through its membership in the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium (MVLC), the library provides access to a computerized catalog of the holdings of more than 35 libraries. In addition, the library has access to more than 38 million holdings throughout 65 countries. Memorial Hall Library serves as the center for Regional Reference and Research and Inter-Library Loan for 325 libraries in the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System.

New this year is the Teen-z Room, a special space for students in grades 6 to 12. No adults are allowed in the area between 3 p.m. and closing time, as kids are encouraged to use the space for group projects. The area is wired for six laptop computers and three personal

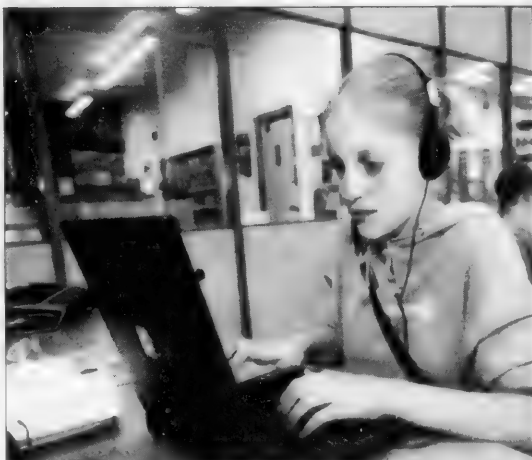


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Teens such as Tayla Roberge can use laptops, listen to music, watch a movie, or work in a group in a new "teens only" room.

computers.

The Children's Room provides many varied and inviting resources for children from infancy through sixth grade. In October, the library completed a renovation of the Children's Room that increased its size by a third. The Children's Room offers daytime story hours for tots, toddlers and preschool children as well as evening story hours for 3½- to 5-year-old children. Other special programs include adventure and reading clubs, new baby story hours, concerts, storytellers, nature and craft programs, puppet and magic shows. Each summer's full range of activities for all ages is planned to promote involvement with books and reading during vacation. All programs and materials are free.

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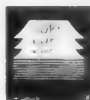
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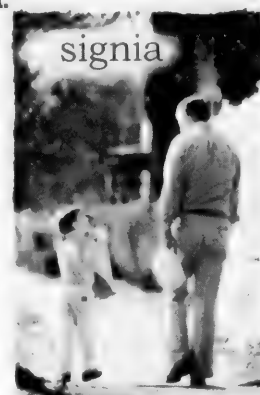


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**Cub Scout Pack 76**, representing the South School district area, meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Andover Sportman's

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**Cub Scout Pack 79**, meets every Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m., at St. Robert's Church in West Andover. Call Karl Gefken at 978-685-6279.

**Friends of Andover Youth** is an organization of adults dedicated to connecting youth to one another and to the community. Working with and as advocates for the Andover Youth Council and Andover Youth Services, the group supports events, activities and programs that promote growth, self-discovery, self-confidence and community spirit in young people. Call Diane Hender at 978-470-0869.

**Friends of Memorial Hall Library** is a fund-raising group dedicated to encouraging public support for, and interest in, the library. The group provides special programs and services that expand and enrich the library's regular budget. The "extras" include concerts, readings, speakers, children's programs, museum passes, materials and equipment. Contact Norma Gammon at <ngammon@mhl.org>



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Diana Bourgeois, Maeve McGarty, Olivier Bourgeois and Terence McGroarty enjoy a social event by the Newcomers Club.

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**The Herb Society of Andover** started in 1983 in response to a growing interest in our herbal heritage. Participants come with wide-ranging levels of expertise to learn about herbs and their many uses, while enjoying the fellowship of other herb lovers. The group meets in member's homes on the second Monday morning of each month. The contact person is Brenda Tomasz, at 978-689-8599 or <blgraphics@attbi.com>.

**The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover** is a nonpartisan organization that promotes the informed and active participation of citizens in government and works to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

The league sponsors voter services including candidate debates and voter education events such as the Town Warrant Forum. This year the league is focusing on affordable housing, town government, pesticide and water use and will continue to co-sponsor the Read-Along in Andover schools. The group is open to all women and men. For further details contact Diana Walsh 978-

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**Merrimack's Toastmasters 508 Club** meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. The group fosters a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Guests are welcome.

**Merrimack Valley Camera Club** meets at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on Elm Street in North Andover, and the public is welcome. Contacts: 978-685-8317, <www.mvccameraclub.org>.

**Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce** is located at 264 Essex St., Lawrence. Contact Joseph J. Bevilacqua, president, at 978-686-0900 <www.merrimackvalleychamber.com>.

**The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra** has been entertaining audiences for more than 40 years. Currently the orchestra-in-residence at the Rogers Center, Merrimack College, the MVPO comprises professional and amateur musicians from the Merrimack Valley. It performs three classical con-

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**Merrimack Valley Striders** running club promotes running through local road races, fun runs and training. They meet the last Wednesday of month at 7:30 p.m. Club phone: 978-687-8887.

**The Newcomers Club of the Andovers** is a nonprofit social club for residents of Andover and North Andover that features a variety of activities. Membership is open to both new and established residents. Call Jan Whelan of Andover at 978-681-6470, or Mary McKenzie of North Andover at 978-687-3352.

**Saint Augustine's Ecumenical Handbell Choir** has performed at churches, weddings, concerts, nursing homes and other places and events in and around Andover. It's been ringing since 1988. Call Carolyn at 978-470-0357.

**Service Club of Andover** is an organization of local business people dedicated to "making a difference in our community." It organizes and sponsors social programs for developmentally disabled adults and a mentoring program for Andover High School students. Contact Brad Heim at 978-975-7718.

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**The Shawsheen Village Women's Club** meets the first Monday of each month from Oct. to May. An informative program followed by a social hour. Raises funds for Andover High School and regional vocational school scholarships. For more information contact Elizabeth Klaiman at 978-475-6063.

**Quota International of Andover** is a nonprofit organization that works to meet the needs of disadvantaged women and children. The organization also champions the education of hearing-impaired children in the Merrimack Valley and provides a yearly scholarship to a student of the Northern Essex Community College Speech and Hearing Impaired Interpreter's program. For more information about the club, contact Nancy Dube 978-

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**Alcoholics Anonymous**, a support group for alcoholics, meets at several locations in Andover. For an updated listing of programs, call 617-426-9444.

**Andover CARES** (Community Advocates for Resources, Education and Support) is a volunteer group of educators, professionals and parents, who work together in an effort to increase a sense of belonging and to foster resiliency within the community, particularly among youth. Call Diane Hender 978-470-0869.

**Andover Commission on Disabilities** addresses the needs of Andover and its citizens with disabilities. It meets monthly at 7 p.m. at Town Offices. Call 978-623-8335.

**Andover Senior Center** offers support groups for Parkinson's disease, vision, caregivers and stroke. The center also sponsors several events and trips; preregistration is required for most activities. Call 978-623-8321.

**Challenge Unlimited** is a program that teaches therapeutic horseback riding to handicapped children and adults at Ironstone Farm, 456 Lowell St., Andover. Community service opportunities are available for volunteers interested in assisting riding students. Call 978-475-4056.

**Co-dependents Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships, with emphasis on the 12-step approach. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. each Thursday at Trinitarian Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Contact Linda at 978-725-5256.

**Creative Living of Andover** is a nonprofit community organization seeking to develop innovative social, recreational, respite and housing solutions for adults with developmental disabilities. Located at 368 South Main St., Creative Living also supports Classic Threads, a clothing shop in Lawrence. Call 978-470-3165.

**Family Service Inc.** is located at 430 North Canal St., Lawrence and 11 Chestnut St., Andover. It provides outpatient counseling for mental health and substance abuse. Staff offers counseling and training to agencies and groups on a wide range of issues, such as parenting, substance abuse, separation and divorce, anxiety and balancing work and family. Call 978-683-9505.

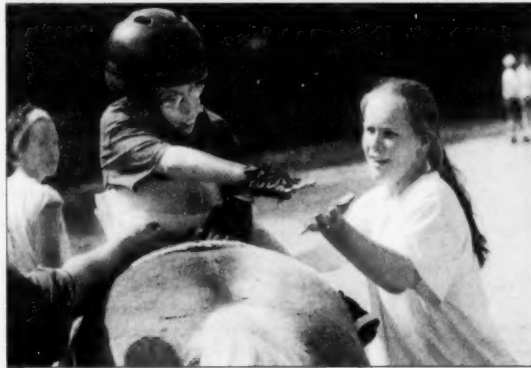


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David Feehan reaches out to Andover High School volunteer Rachel McGregor during his therapy at Challenge Unlimited.

**Jewish Family Service of the Merrimack Valley**, 439 South Union St., Lawrence, offers counseling services for those of the Jewish faith. It is a non-profit, non-sectarian charitable organization with a community-based board of directors. Its mission is to strengthen and preserve the quality of family life by providing services including counseling new Americans, outreach and information and referral to those in need, regardless of ability to pay. For more, call 978-683-6711.

**La Leche League of Andover** meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Meetings are also the fourth Friday of every month at 10 a.m. The group aids breast-feeding mothers through education, encouragement and mother-to-mother support. Nursing babies are always welcome. Call Amanda 978-681-6383, Kim 978-682-9717 or Lynn 978-475-5160.

**Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children**, 439 South Union St., Lawrence, is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights and well-being of children and families. Parenting groups are available. Call 978-682-9222.

**Merrimack Valley Hospice** offers shelter of a special kind to patients in the final stages of life, providing emotional, spiritual and medical support to the patient and his or her family. The goal is to help the patient remain at home with family and friends. The hospice, located at 360 Merrimack St. in Lawrence. For more, call 978-552-4000 or 800-475-8335. They also offer bereavement support groups; call Diane Blake 978-552-4539 (preregistration is required).

**The Mother Connection of Andover** has been in existence for more than 20 years, providing support and education for parents with young children through a group of volunteers. The nonprofit organiza-

tion offers family link-up groups, a resource center and play space, educational workshops, special events and more to those in the Merrimack Valley. Contact Kathleen Willis at 978-689-4911 or Michele Kerry at 978-475-2577.

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill**, Greater Lawrence chapter, is an organization of families whose purpose is mutual support and education; and support for relatives and others affected by mental illness. The Sharing and Caring group meets at 7 p.m., on the third Thursday of the month (except July and August) at First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover. Call either Lisa 978-373-6134, or Janet at 781-938-4048.

**Parent to Parent** is a volunteer parent network that facilitates effective communication among parents and addresses issues relating to children's education and physical and social development. The group holds parenting education classes and workshops and a free speaker series. Contact Bridget Moreno at 978-470-2059.

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